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Walkin' round in circles

Heather Koniz '04 and Sam Ioia '04 hug during last Sunday's Relay for Life. At the event students in teams of 8-15 walked around the indoor track for 12 hours straight in order to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Participants enjoyed games, food, and entertainment from Hamilton's own band *Topsy Washington*.

Kirkland PD, Campus Safety investigate thefts, break-ins

by Sarah Karalunas '04
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Five students had their cars broken into between 9:30 p.m. Sunday night and 9:30 a.m. Monday morning last weekend, said Kirkland Chief of Police Dan English. Campus Safety and the Kirkland Police Department are investigating the event.

No damage estimate was available at the time of print; however, English said that the list of stolen property included sporting equipment, CDs and CD players, radios, and a Global Positioning System. In addition, the windows of each of the cars were broken for the thieves to gain access to the vehicles.

"I don't know how much the window will cost yet," said Daisy Mera '03, one of the students whose cars was broken into. "My insurance won't cover it because I don't have full coverage. I'm a poor college student. I have to get what coverage I can afford."

Mera said that she was "lucky" because she did not have anything from her car taken and only has to pay for the cost of the window.

English says that the KPD is not yet sure who is responsible for the break-ins, or whether it is someone from on or off campus. "There are a lot of people in and out of the parking lots, and it's a really big window of opportunity [from 9:30 p.m. Sunday to 9:30 a.m. Monday]," said English.

Ingalls pointed out that similar break-ins have occurred in surrounding areas, suggesting that the person or group committing the robberies may not be associated with the campus.

English said that there have been other thefts from cars in parking lots at SUNY Marcy, Utica College, and in the casino area. However, he adds that there is no definite connection between the other car break-ins and the break-ins at Hamilton.

"We don't have anything to say that the groups of break-ins are tied together in any way," said English.

All of the break-ins on campus occurred in Root, Babbitt, or Milbank parking lots, said Ingalls. She added that both KPD and Campus Safety have increased the number of patrols that go through the parking lots to prevent further vandalism and theft.

While the students whose cars were broken into say that more patrols will help, two of the students added that improving lighting in the area could also prevent future break-ins.

"Campus Safety has better things to do than stake out the parking lots," said Julie Rizzo '03.

Rizzo had all of her hockey equipment stolen, as well as her CDs, CD player, hands-free cell phone kit, emergency roadside assistance kit, and 3 cases of soda, said that she has had problems in both Root and North Lots before due to the lack of lighting. Rizzo says that she was assaulted and harassed in North Lot, then had her parking switched to North Lot and has also been harassed there.

"I come back from hockey

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College mandates faculty advisor for Alpha Delta Phi

Other private societies will choose faculty advisors in January

by Kathleen M. McGrory '05
NEWS EDITOR

After finding draft letters of email correspondence between current Alpha Delta Phi fraternity members and alumni, the administration has asked the fraternity to work under the guidance of a faculty or staff advisor.

The draft letters found three weeks ago made mention of fundraising for the purchase of a chapter house in the Village of Clinton.

"While it was by no means official correspondence, my primary concern was the notion that there had been some initiative to create any sort of private housing," Mitchell said.

According to Mitchell, the draft letters, one of which was dated from the fall of 2001 and the other from February, 2002, had been left behind by members of the AD fraternity. Following the acquisitions of the drafts, Dean Mitchell contacted current members of the fraternity to discuss the documents themselves and, additionally, the provisions of the Hamilton College Private Society Relationship Statement.

The statement pronounces that "Hamilton students are prohibited from using houses or property owned or leased by private societies as residences, taking meals at such houses or property and participating in social

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Local refugees join professors for Resettlement panel discussion

by Ian Mandel '06
NEWS WRITER

The Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center sponsored a panel discussion titled "Challenges and Rewards of Resettlement" on Tuesday, November 12. The panel discussion is part of a string of lectures and discussions hosted by the Levitt Center this year under their theme of "Immigration and Global Citizenship."

The discussion featured Alan Cafruny, professor of government and president of the Board of the Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees (MVRCR); Peter D. Vogelaar, Executive Direction, MVRCR; Alma Adilagic Lukovac, Citizenship Services, MVRCR; and Isaac Padiet, Employment Services, MVRCR.

Vogelaar has headed the center in Utica since the spring of this year, but has a wealth of experience working with refugees.

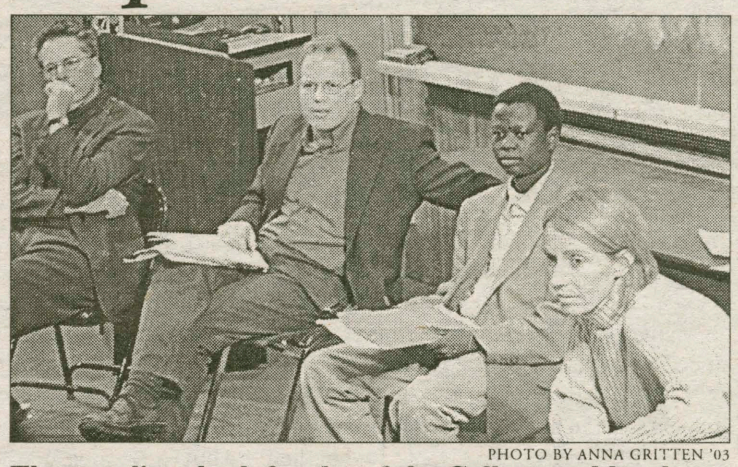

PHOTO BY ANNA GRITTEN '03

The panelists, both faculty of the College and local experts, discussed refugee policies not just on a local scale, but also on national and international levels.

"He also directed a refugee center in Cairo, Egypt, so he is really an expert not just on local, but on national and international refugee policies," Cafruny said.

Lukovac, a refugee from Bosnia, came to Utica in 1996, seeking asylum from the civil war that had broken out in her country four years earlier. After receiving services from the Refugee Center, she stayed on to work there.

Padiet came to Utica several years ago as a refugee in

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Open House draws 180 students to Hill

by Christopher LaRosa '03
SENIOR EDITOR

What makes a successful fall student open house at Hamilton? No snow is a start in the right direction; last weekend's balmy temperatures may have been indicative of divine intervention.

With almost 400 people on campus over the weekend for Fall Open House, admissions, faculty, student organizations, and Mother Nature put their best feet forward hoping to attract students to Hamilton.

180 prospective students and over 200 family members met with faculty, attended panel discussions, interviewed, and took tours. This year's attendance represented an increase of approximately 20 students over last year's numbers. 28 of the students visiting participated in a two-day Student of Color Senior Open House.

Associate Dean of Admission William Cardamone, the

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Brothers Organization strives to break Hamilton stereotypes

Group looks forward to pool tournament, community service

by Erin Weaver '05
NEWS WRITER

This Saturday, November 16th the Brothers Organization will be sponsoring a pool tournament in Bristol Campus Center from 11 AM to 3 PM. This event will be the first of many events that the newly-formed Brothers Organization hopes to bring to Hamilton.

The Brothers Organization was formed last spring, based on Colgate's student-run organization of the same name. According to the group's 2002 newsletter, Brothers was formed because "our brothers of color (encompassing Latinos, Africans, Asians, and all other ethnic minority groups on campus) have expressed startling concern on the stereotypical image formed or perceived by the Hamilton community at large."

With the support of Colgate's Brothers Organization, as well as invaluable help from Professor Todd Franklin (philosophy), Phyllis Breland (director of HEOP), Marc David (Assistant Dean of Students for Multicultural Affairs), Colin Lord (Associate Dean of Admission) and Professor "Doctuh" Woods (music), Brothers was created "to promote a positive image of men of color within and outside the Hamilton community." Though not a fraternity, the group hopes to promote brotherhood, stating: "One of our main goals within the group is to be supportive to each other: be each other's crutches at times of anxiety, and acknowledge each other at times of success."

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE BROTHERS

Brothers Club members Nii Ato Bentsi-Enchill '05 and Chris Rios '05 at the East Utica Boys and Girls Club.

Group president Chandler Long '03, who has been a member of the Colgate chapter of Brothers for three years, estimates that there currently are "about twenty-two" members in the Brothers Organization, as well as a few girls who attend the group's weekly meetings. This year, the group's main agenda concerns: drafting the Brothers Organization Constitution, expanding the group's website, and writing their newsletter. Presently, the members of Brothers are focusing their attention on the East Utica Boys and Girls Club, tutoring children from ages 6-17 for a couple hours a day, twice a week.

The group is also trying to set up an academic program based on a curriculum developed by the members of Brothers and their faculty advisors, which they hope to eventually bring to local school districts as well as the Boys and Girls Club. The Brothers Organization prides itself on giving back to the local community, hoping to inspire younger students of color to think about college as a realistic and attainable goal, thus increasing the diversity of future classes. According to Long, "One of the most important things is to inspire hope."

With the success of their tutoring program and the approaching pool tournament, the Brothers Or-

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Faculty discuss U.S. politics following 9/11

by Stephanie Valle '05
NEWS WRITER

Hamilton played host to the panel discussion "U.S Politics Post 9/11" as part of the Excellence in Education Series, a project that is in cooperation with other area colleges.

The discussion, which was held this past Monday in the Dwight Lounge in Bristol Campus Center, focused on the role 9/11 has played in United State politics, particularly in this past election. Participants in the panel were Hamilton College Associate Professor of Government Philip Klinkner, Visiting Instructor of Government Kristin Campbell, and Utica College Associate Professor of Communication Arts David Habbel. Habbel has also taught courses in Public Discourse and Rhetoric and Communication at Hamilton.

Klinkner, the first speaker of the panel, is the co-author of a new Harvard University study titled "Democracy Spoiled," and an expert American Politics. He focused on the "small but real Republican edge" that these elections revealed. He felt the edge was "small" due to the thin margins many Republicans were elected by and their narrow majority in Congress, but "real" due to their success in many gubernatorial and state legislature contests around the country. "In the past, people talked about America being the 50-50 country," he said, "maybe now it's the 51-49 country." He added that he didn't think this election signified a conservative shift in the country, but rather a surge in the numbers of Republicans who voted.

Campbell, the next speaker, has previously presented lectures on various electoral issues in American politics. She added that voters traditionally see Republicans as "better on foreign policy," which could have contributed to their success. "Foreign policy really has been put on center stage since 9/11 and has influenced voting," she said.

Habbel, the final speaker, has served as an election analyst for WUTR-TV and centers his research on the communication variables that affect elections. He emphasized the connections

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Festival proves "sexuality isn't black and white"

by Kat Lexa '05
NEWS WRITER

This week, Rainbow Alliance sponsored a film festival with the intetion of increasing discussion and awareness of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community on Hamilton's campus.

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The Crying Game is one of the movies being shown.

One of the coordinators of the event, Connel Fraley '05, said, "Its important that we notice that sexuality isn't black and white, but there's a huge grey area, containing bisexuality and other types of sexuality."

Rainbow Alliance held their first film festival earlier this semester, during the week of National Coming Out Day. NCOD was held on Friday, October 11, and the Hamilton College community was able to show their support by attending. Rainbow Alliance "had a big closet in Beineke and took polaroids of people coming out of the closet in support of National Coming Out Day," said Fraley. This week's festival doesn't follow any national event, but was organized simply to further an awareness of the different kinds of sexuality.

The first film presented was titled "But I'm a Cheerleader," and is the story of one girl's struggle to discover who she is. Simply because she is a vegetarian, won't do certain sexual acts with her boyfriend, and has pictures of girls in her locker, her parents decide to send her away to camp. The camp's administrators use shock therapy to try to change the sexual orientation of the "campers". Although everyone in the camp is gay, they understand that they must not get caught, so that they can graduate and be accepted by their family and society. The heroine of the movie falls for another girl at the camp and eventually comes to accept who she is. According to Fraley, the movie "targets families who attempt to change their children

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Hamilton democrats gather for first organized meeting

by Chris Takacs '05
NEWS EDITOR

The newly re-formed Hamilton College Democrats Club held their first meeting Tuesday, 12th of November in the Fireplace Lounge to discuss politics, the future structure of the club, and goals for the organization.

PHOTO BY KATRINA FREDLUND '06

The leadership of the Hamilton College Democrats: Vice President Daniel Bleeker '06, President Jon Kuhl '06, VP Ian Mandel '06, VP Matt Colman '06, Secretary Ann Horwitz '06 and Treasurer Caroline Beaudrias '06.

For the past three years the Democrats club has not sought recognition from the college. However, now under a new youthful and energetic leadership, the club is seeking official recognition by the college and has high aspirations for the future.

Club President Jon Kuhl '06 expressed some of the goals of the organization: "I really hope the club develops into something that effects the local community, including Utica and Central New York at large."

Daniel Bleeker '06, One of the Vice-Presidents, stated "The Hamilton Democrats Club exists to provide a voice to what we feel is the silent majority on campus."

Kuhl listed some of the more specific possible projects of the club; "leafleting, holding debates, distributing information, and getting Professors to give lectures, predicting the 2004 elections, and getting the campus more involved in local and national politics." Kuhl also expressed his interest in possibly getting New York Senator Hillary Clinton to come to campus and give a talk.

Kuhl, Bleeker, Mandel, Matt Colman '06, Ann Horwitz '06 and Caroline Beaudrias '06 decided to organize the club and get recognized in resoponse to the disasterous election for the Democrats earlier in the month, and seeing that there was no functioning Democrat-oriented organiza-

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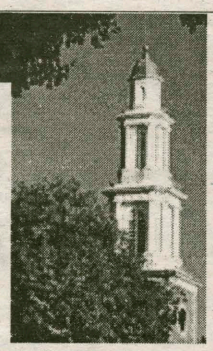

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Chris Takacs '05

Schools with large numbers of minorities receive government grants

(U-WIRE) WASHINGTON — The U.S. government granted $90 million to 81 selected colleges and universities nationwide last week in an effort to increase funding for schools that cater to disadvantaged and predominately minority students. Federal lawmakers hope that the increased funding will help level the playing field with neighboring colleges operating with a greater budget.

The grants are awarded under the Strengthening Institutions Program a result of the Higher Education Act and the Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program. These programs aim to help eligible schools attract and retain students by allowing them to update technology, offer faculty training and facility improvements.

"The purpose of the grant is to improve critical thinking and reasoning skills," says Dr. Deva Sharma, Professor of Physics and Director of the Project for North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro.

Deva says that this grant will impact one-third of the largely African-American and Latino student body, focusing on integrating incoming students and helping them with their Math and Science requirements.

Term 'Morons' Sparks Harvard Flap

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) - A cartoon in Harvard Business School's student newspaper criticizing the school's computer system triggered the resignation of a student editor and generated a free speech controversy. The problems arose before corporate recruiting sessions, when computer mixups scrambled some of the students' interview schedules.

The student newspaper, Harbus, reacted by publishing a cartoon of a career services Web site overloaded with error messages, including one referring to "incompetent morons." In turn, the director of the MBA program reprimanded two student editors, and warned them to avoid "disrespectful" language.

Nick Will, the paper's editor in chief, resigned and cited "personal intimidation and threats" by Harvard officials, according to The Boston Globe. The exchange has prompted debates about free speech.

"The message the school sent to Nick Will was pretty threatening," Jennifer Taylor, a second-year student and member of a board reviewing the case. "This is denying the community a voice to express its frustrations."

MBA chairman Carl Kester, however, said there was no intent to censor the editors. The cartoon violated the campus "community standards" code, he said, because it insulted the school's career-services employees.

Harvard Cancels Poet Appearance

BOSTON (AP) - After student complaints, Harvard University said Tuesday it had canceled a reading by an Irish poet who compared U.S.-born settlers in the West Bank to Nazis and said they should be "shot dead."

Tom Paulin, an Oxford University lecturer, was scheduled to appear Thursday as part of the English Department's Morris Gray Lecture series.

But in an e-mail to English majors Tuesday, department chair Lawrence Buell said the reading had been canceled "by mutual consent of the poet and the English Department."

Buell also apologized for the "widespread consternation" the invitation to Paulin had caused. He said Paulin was invited last winter, before his controversial remarks, solely because of his poetic achievements.

Benjamin Solomon-Schwartz, undergraduate president of Harvard Hillel, said he was heartened by the university's decision, adding Paulin's comments crossed the line between opinion and "being inhumane."

In April, Paulin was quoted in the Egyptian newspaper, Al-Ahram Weekly, saying American Jewish settlers should be "shot dead."

"I think they are Nazis, racists, I feel nothing but hatred for them," he said.

WORLD NEWS

Compiled by Chris Takacs '05

Iraq Predicts More Trouble With U.S.

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - A day after accepting a tough new U.N. resolution, Iraq on Thursday predicted more trouble ahead with the United States as it prepares to receive the first weapons inspectors in nearly four years.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, meanwhile, combined a renewed threat of force with an assurance to the Iraqi people that they would be richer if Saddam Hussein was gone.

Babil newspaper, owned by Saddam's son Odai, called on Iraq's traditional Security Council allies - Russia, France and China - to remain vigilant about America's true intentions.

"Our problem and crisis with the United States is not over yet and may have just begun," the influential newspaper said in a front-page editorial.

Blair, America's staunchest ally, broadcast a message into Iraq saying "The standard of living and prosperity of the Iraqi people would be infinitely greater were Saddam not there."

AP

The prime minister hoped his message would reach Saddam, the Iraqi people "and the wider Arab world," his spokesman said in London. It was broadcast Thursday by the Arabic service of Radio Monte Carlo - the most popular shortwave station reaching Iraq.

Israel Nabs Kibbutz Shooting Suspect

JERUSALEM (AP) - Israeli troops tracked down the suspected ringleader of a deadly Palestinian shooting spree at an Israeli kibbutz, forcing him to strip to his underwear and surrender Thursday in the West Bank town of Tulkarem.

In a separate army action in the Gaza Strip, Israeli forces carried out an early morning raid in Gaza City - a congested place that ground troops rarely approach - and detained four Palestinian brothers suspected of making mortars. The actions are part of a recent pattern in which the military sends tanks, armored personnel carriers and troops into Palestinian cities and towns on nighttime missions to seize militants.

In Tulkarem, soldiers surrounded the house where the kibbutz attack suspect, Mohammed Naefe, was hiding. He walked out with his hands up, stripped to his underwear to ensure he wasn't carrying explosives. An Israeli human rights group helped arrange the surrender of Naefe and two alleged accomplices.

Israel says Naefe planned the attack Sunday on Kibbutz Metzer, a communal farm. Five people were killed, including a mother and her two young sons. The suspected gunman, identified as Sirhan Sirhan, 19, remains at large.

Key Countries Meet on N. Korea

NEW YORK (AP) - Key countries met Thursday to consider a U.S.-demand to suspend oil assistance to North Korea for violating a pledge not to develop nuclear weapons, and the United States said it expects support.

There has been little support in the Bush administration or in Congress for continuing the 8-year-old oil assistance program following North Korea's acknowledgment last month that it was secretly developing a uranium-based bomb. The fate of the shipments is in the hands of the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization, known as KEDO, whose members are the United States, Japan, South Korea and the European Union.

U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said American diplomats have been assured the EU and Japan would back President Bush's plan at the New York meeting and that South Korea will go along with some version of it.

At the start of Thursday's meeting at KEDO's offices in midtown Manhattan, U.S. Ambassador Charles Pritchard, Ambassador Jean-Pierre Leng of the EU, Japanese Ambassador Katsunari Suzuki, and South Korean Ambassador Sun-Sup Chang, who chairs KEDO's executive board, posed for photographers.

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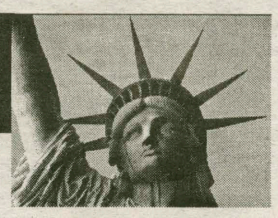

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'Miss Cleo' Settles Federal Suit

WASHINGTON (AP) - The operators of Miss Cleo's psychic hot line agreed Thursday to cancel $500 million in customer bills to settle federal charges that the service fleeced callers while promising mystical insights into love and money.

The settlement requires Access Resource Services Inc. and Psychic Readers Network Inc. to stop using pay-per-call numbers to sell their soothsaying services, the Federal Trade Commission said. The two Fort Lauderdale, Fla.-based companies, which promoted a national network of "psychic readers" on television and the Internet, also must pay the FTC a $5 million fine.

"I'm no psychic but I can foresee this: If you make deceptive claims, there is an FTC action in your future," said Howard Beales, director of the agency's consumer protection bureau.

Under the settlement, the companies did not admit to breaking any law but agreed to stop trying to collect money from customers who called the service and to forgive about $500 million in outstanding charges. The service also must return all uncashed checks to customers.

Six Men Sentenced in Race Riot Case

YORK, Pa. (AP) - Six white men were handed sentences of up to three years in prison Wednesday in the shooting death of a black woman during a 1969 race riot that has haunted the city for the past 33 years.

The defendants apologized before they were sentenced, but the victim's daughter complained that none of them had expressed any sorrow for the slaying of Lillie Belle Allen until they were in court, where an apology might lessen their punishment.

All six men pleaded guilty in August, and some testified for the prosecution in the trial earlier this year of York's former mayor and two other white men. The mayor was acquitted; his co-defendants were found guilty.

Allen, 27, of Aiken, S.C., was killed amid 10 days of violence between blacks and whites in York. During the riots, a white police officer, Henry Schaad, was also killed, more than 60 people were injured and 100 were arrested.

Allen was shot to death at twilight after she got out of her family's car to try to help her panicking sister steer the stalled vehicle away from a mob of armed white gang members.

On Wednesday, Arthur Messersmith was sentenced to 18 months to three years. He had faced up to nine years in prison for attempted murder and conspiracy.

Bush Declares Tenn. Disaster Area

MOSSY GROVE, Tenn. (AP) - President Bush declared 16 Tennessee counties disaster areas Wednesday, freeing millions in federal aid for a state that lost 16 people in weekend tornadoes that cut a deadly path across five states.

Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Joe Allbaugh brought the news to still-dazed victims in this mountain community 40 miles northwest of Knoxville.

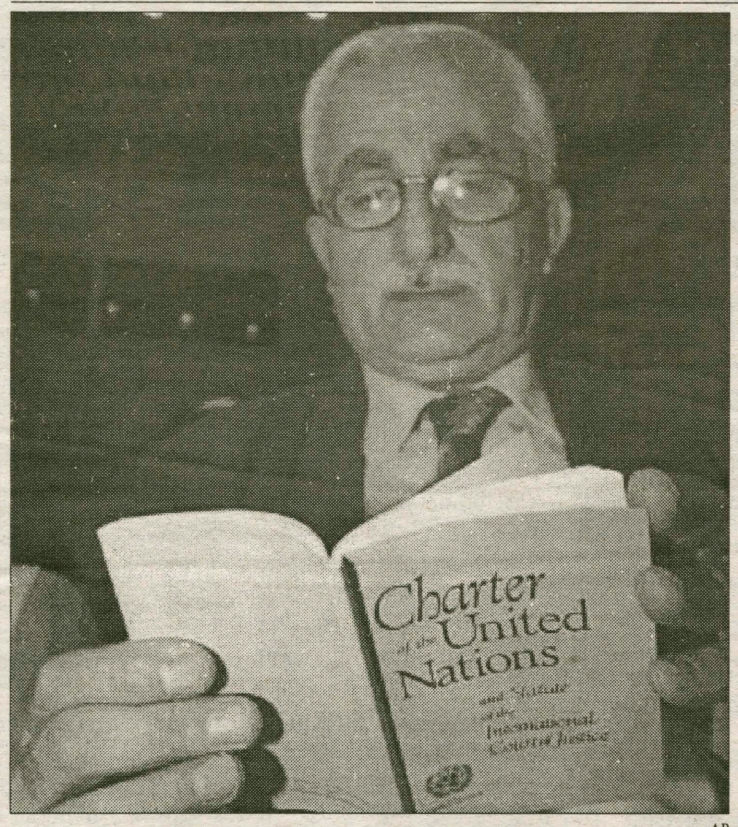
"You are brave souls," said Allbaugh, who spoke with Bush by telephone as he walked amid the mud and smoke from burning debris in what was once a neighborhood of two dozen brick houses and trailers. The tornado demolished half of them.

AP

Mike Williams, 24, who lost his father and grandmother in the storm, said he was thinking only about cleaning up the rubble of his father's home.

"That is really the last thing on my mind right now," Williams said of the federal aid, "but I am glad that they care."

State and federal assessment teams were also checking damage in Alabama, Mississippi and Ohio, where the storms also claimed lives. In all, 35 people were killed in the storms.



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A member of the Iraqi parliment reviews the United Nations charter on Wednesday before the decision to cooperate with the UN resolution insisting upon weapons inspections.

Iraq to cooperate with U.N. resolution

by Mithat Yaltir '03
NEWS WRITER

On Wednesday November 13th, the Iraqi Government under the leadership of Saddam Hussein agreed to cooperate with the recently passed U.N. resolution, which requires the Iraqi government to dispose of weapons of mass destruction and allows U.N. inspectors into the country. Saddam Hussein indicated that his government agreed to comply with the U.N. in order to protect Iraqi people from the destruction of war.

This latest news, however, was not enough to reduce the tension between the U.S. and Iraqi governments. President Bush has doubts about the sincerity of Saddam's regime. He stressed one more time that U.S. will have "zero tolerance" of attempts to conceal weapons of mass destruction or to deceive the U.N. inspectors. "The world expects Saddam Hussein to disarm for the sake of peace," Bush said Wednesday with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan at his side in the White House Oval Office. Annan asked Saddam's regime to let the inspectors go in, "I urge the Iraqis to cooperate with them and to perform and I think that is the test we are waiting for," Annan said.

The U.S. government took a deep breath as the U.N. approved military action if Iraq fails to meet the U.N. criteria. After months of debate and lobbying, the U.S. government finally managed to get support from its allies. "If [Iraq] chooses not to disarm, we will have a coalition of the willing with U.S.," President Bush said.

On the other hand, the Iraqi government is also suspicious about the intentions of the U.N. resolution. Naji Sabri, foreign affairs minister of Iraq, delivered the letter announcing Saddam's decision to comply with the U.N. resolution points. "Dealing with the inspectors, the government of Iraq will...take into consideration their way of conduct, the intentions of those who are ill-intentioned among them and their improper approach in showing respect to the people's national dignity, their independence and security, and their country's security, independence, and sovereignty," the letter said. The letter also accused President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair of fabricating "the biggest and most wicked slander against Iraq."

December 8, 2002 marks the deadline for the Iraqi government to submit a complete declaration of their chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs. 15 days later, on December 23, U.N. inspectors will move back into Iraq one more time to confirm the declaration. Chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix is expected to provide his initial reports to the Security Council in about two months.

The U.S. government states that it is concerned about weapons of mass destruction, while rumors suggest that it has other intentions like attempting to recover the economy by boosting military spending. Regardless of the intentions, potential military campaign against Iraq will have severe consequences. Saddam Hussein is the only leader powerful enough to keep the country together. Overthrowing his regime may cause Iraq to fall apart, pushing the whole region into chaos for a long time.

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College Consortium-sponsored discussion showcases "combined resources of area colleges"

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between different elections. "Politics can be local, but it is also interconnected," he said, focusing heavily on the New York Governor's race which pitted incumbent Governor George Pataki again Democratic State Comptroller Carl McCall and Independent Tom Golisano. Habbel thought that McCall, as a black candidate, would have received more attention, especially nationally, before 9/11.

Habbel also thought the elections were, in general, "less contentious" as a result of 9/11.

The panel participants also entertained questions from the audience, which ranged from the influence of money in politics to projections for 2004. Some questions also centered on the theme of the panel.

"There has been a massive showing of superficial patriotism as opposed to real patriotism," said Habbel, in response to one such question. "Barring 9/11, you wouldn't have seen Democrats losing seats," added Klinkner.

Campbell also added that the election revealed a lack of focus among Democrats. "The Democratic party is in trouble," she concluded.

The discussion was one in a series started by local institutions of higher learning. Participants in the consortium include Mohawk Valley Community College, Utica College, SUNY-IT, Herkimer County Community College, Utica School of Commerce and Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute at Pratt, as well as Hamilton. According to Holly Foster, the Associate Director of Media Relations at Hamilton, the goal of the series is "to showcase the combined resources of area colleges and to provide improved programming to all students and the community."

Events are scheduled monthly and open to students of any member institution, as well as the public.

Break-ins on campus similar to other recent thefts in area

Ingalls says car break-ins probably unrelated to dorm room thefts

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late at night, and there are all these kids standing 10-20 feet outside of where the lights reach smoking pot. They yell, 'Hey, what's a little girl like you doing playing hockey?' I'm sure it's not Hamilton kids, but that doesn't make it okay," said Rizzo.

"I don't feel safe on campus," said Rizzo. "And especially not in the parking lots. I started parking my car in Milbank. It's not a convenience issue. I really don't feel safe," she added.

Mera agreed that better lighting could help prevent vandalism. "Better lighting could prevent a lot of people from vandalizing in a lot of different places on campus. When you're in a well-lit area, you can never be sure who's watching," said Mera.

Despite having had her car vandalized and the lack of lights, Mera still feels relatively safe on campus, but says that she checks her car, which she still parks in Root Lot, three times per day.

"I feel safe in that it was a random act, it wasn't just my car. But I just have my guard up a lot more," she said. "And I make sure that my car is near the front of the lot."

Ingalls said that the most recent vandalism and thefts in cars are most likely unrelated to the thefts in dorm rooms on campus. However, she reminded students to lock their doors and all first floor windows, to put valuables away somewhere safe, and not to prop outside doors.

"Maybe it's not right, but when we leave things out, it's tempting for people to walk by and grab them," she said. Ingalls also encouraged students to report all thefts or vandalism to Campus Safety, even if the items stolen or broken are small.

"We can't solve all of them, but at least we'll know who to return it to if we do see something," she said.

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CORRECTION:
Shelley Haley's name was misspelled in last week's article.

Editorial
The Spectator

Editorial:

In light of the recent rash of thefts involving the personal vehicles of students on this campus, it is the opinion of this Editorial Board that there are certain steps that the College needs to take in order to dissuade would-be car thieves from smashing out windows and removing car stereos and personal belongings from cars parked in student lots.

First of all, we need more lighting. In the vast majority of student lots, there is only a small amount of lighting present. The vast majority of cars in most lots are left in the dark when night descends on the Hill. This makes the cars prime targets for car thieves. If there existed enough lighting to ensure that every car was illuminated by some amount of artificial light, this would greatly reduce the probability of a car thief feeling comfortable helping himself to the contents of these cars.

Another thing that could be done is to increase the frequency of nighttime patrols by Campus Safety officers who are on duty all night anyway. Frequent drive-through checks on student lots, including North and New Lots, would probably make stealing things from cars a lot riskier business and might actually result in the apprehension of criminals in the act of crimes.

Increasing lighting and the frequency of patrols makes sense, especially when one considers the number of times Campus Safety drives through student lots during the daytime, when they are looking for vehicles to which they may issue tickets for parking violations. If Campus Safety drove through student lots at night as often as they do during the day, there might be less opportunity for car thieves to work unhampered.

These are two things that Hamilton College could do without spending an exorbitant amount of money or using a great deal of manpower. Although the 50 dollars that the school charges for parking is relatively inexpensive when compared to the amount charged by schools of comparable size, Hamilton's tuition alone ought to justify the College's doing whatever it possibly can to keep the belongings and vehicles of students safe.

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Letter to the Editor:

To the Editor:

I appreciate the gist of your article, "Hamilton Not Fulfilling Its Big Name Potential", but am bothered by your attempt to comment on a topic that you have made little effort to understand. While I could spend pages explaining the complexities of concert booking, I won't. If you haven't pursued an understanding of the process before writing the article, I can't imagine that you would be interested now.

I'll clear up some misinformation and answer some of the questions in your article, then I'll move on to my primary concern.

1. "Meanwhile, the Utica Auditorium, which primarily caters to Utica College students, seems to keep hammering out winners every few months, the latest of which is the Goo Goo Dolls, who performed there this past Tuesday."Utica Auditorium does not "primarily cater to Utica College students". Utica College does book events there, much like we book events at the Stanley PAC. The only event booked by UC at the Aud this semester has been the Goo Goo Dolls show. Hamilton students have the same ability to go to these concerts as Utica College students.

2. "Why is it that a top twenty Liberal Arts College with outstanding facilities and a bottomless well of money routinely loses bidding wars with a local auditorium that is both cold and drab and is located in an area that can politely be described as the "armpit of America"?"To my knowledge and in recent history, Hamilton College has not lost a so-called "bidding war" with the Utica Auditorium. Hamilton students are simply not interested in many events that have been available recently. CAB has had the opportunity to book top forty shows, but when students are asked whether they would attend this type of concert, the response is a resounding NO. This is demonstrated easily because CAB sold tickets to the recent Goo Goo Dolls concert at the same price as UC students paid (and likely the same cost as if we booked the show) and were able to sell less than 20 tickets.The concept of "...outstanding facilities..." is difficult to argue because events of the scale that you are discussing are not presented on the campus itself. Hamilton, like most colleges, must convert existing spaces or rent a venue to present large concerts. This is done most efficiently and affordably at the Stanley PAC and existing area venues. Other area colleges approach large-scale programming similarly.

3. "...Rumors have also been flying this year that CAB has been close to nabbing other noteworthy bands, including Jurassic Five, which is said to still be in the works."While an interest in Jurassic 5 has been expressed repeatedly in past years and several offers have been made- there are no plans in the works, as you suggested. If J5 tours the Northeast in the near future and entertains college offers, CAB will likely pursue them once again.

4. "...It is true that CAB's budget pales in comparison to that of the Sacerdote Great Names Series..."While it is true that Student Assembly does not fund CAB the same amount ona single event as I assume the cost of the Great Names events may be, the two cannot be compared. The fact that we haven't seen the caliber of events that you are interested in is based on a plethora of factors, little of which has to do with a (lack of) budget.

5. "...(CAB is) responsible for a portion of the movies in KJ, various dance parties in the Annex, bus trips to sporting events such as Buffalo Bills Games or Boston Celtics games and lesser known comedy troops and bands that perform in the Events Barn, the Pub, or Cafe Opus." CAB does not book a portion of the movies in KJ nor have they had an event in Cafe Opus or the Pub in years. They do, however program a regular series of concerts, acoustic coffeehouses, comedians and other events. These events are most frequently in the Barn and Annex and occasionally in the Chapel.

6."...In other words, they (CAB) are extremely busy and could certainly use some help..." Yes, this is true and the most valid point in the article. The solution you propose, however, has nothing to do with the reason that you are unhappy with the talent that comes to campus. Creating a separate series to do exactly what CAB exists to accomplish is redundant. If, as you agree, CAB is busy and could use some help, more people should be involved in CAB. With more people suggesting what they would like to see on campus and more hands willing to participate, the entertainment improves. This is a simple concept that seems to be overlooked time and time again. If you are unhappy with the events offered on campus, program something yourself. Join an organization that brings entertainment to campus. Until you offer something valid and constructive to the solution, you have no place complaining.

7. "...If the price is right, just about anyone would be willing to pounce on an opportunity to performing front of a packed house of enthusiastic students brimming with anticipation of a famous name appearing on their campus..." Wrong. More complex than a simple issue of money is the ability for an agent to book a fluid tour schedule and allow for the performers to have breaks from life on the road.

8. "All it takes to get these performers is a more focused effort by the school." Wrong. If it were that easy the entire world would be booking premium concerts. And now I'll move beyond the corrections and make my point...Assumedly unknowingly, you have spent an entire article discussing CAB in the theoretical sense, as if it is an organization that is not made up of your peers and open to any person on campus. As someone who works with CAB on a daily basis, I know this is not true. Several students put hundreds of hours each semester into booking the entertainment sponsored by CAB. Entertainment on this campus is booked (virtually) solely by students. Concert choices are not developed off in the" land of administration", but at weekly meetings open to the entire campus. The tone surrounding your commentary on CAB ignores the fact that it is an entity that is under the control of every student enrolled here. If you aren't at the meetings, or you don't bother to submit programming suggestions, your commentary on the state of activities is superfluous.

Campus Activities Board faces a great problem that does not involve lack of money or lack of effort from those that participate. The problem is lack of input and interest from the general campus body until it is time to complain about discontent. The lack of what you consider good programming and good music has nothing to do with their "inability to close the deal" and they should not be "scrutinized for their lack of big name production". Scrutiny should fall on those who so easily criticize without adding positive efforts to better campus events, not the limited few who choose to be proactive. If you are unhappy about the level of programming, do something. If you, or anyone who freely comments on CAB, are truly interested in the upcoming concerts or other entertainment, you can show up to a meeting and offer an opinion. It is honestly that easy. CAB meetings are open to the entire campus and occur every Wednesday at 7pm in the Bristol basement. I'll see you there.

Sincerely,
Cameo M. Voltz

Purchase of Clinton house for society use "not acceptable"

*from **Advisor**, page 1*

activities at such houses or property."

The conversation spurred by the draft letters, however, is not the first conversation between the Administration and Alpha Delta Phi regarding off-campus housing post-1995.

Late last spring Dean Mitchell spoke with a number of AD Alumni, as there were "piece of information that there was some talk about fundraising to buy a chapter house.

"I informed them that the purchase of a chapter house was clearly not acceptable; it would absolutely go against the private society relationship statement," said Dean Mitchell.

"There absolutely no revue of the relationship statement being conducted at this time," she added. "The fact that private societies can not have private housing is the cornerstone of the Residential Life Decision. There are no plans to make any changes."

The most recent email drafts predated these conversations.

Dean Mitchell plans to follow up with Alpha Delta Phi's National Organization, and additionally with the National Representative and Alumni Chapter President, "to be sure that everyone fully understands the private society relationship."

However, the Administration did not find these letters enough to warrant any sanctioning. Alpha Delta Phi was reinstated on campus this semester after a two-year suspension, and is currently on social probation for the remainder of the year.

"There was absolutely no reference to hazing, and the emails were only draft letters. It didn't warrant overturning that reinstatement," said Mitchell.

While the fraternity received no sanctioning as a result of the correspondence, the Administration has said that for the remainder of the year, AD will work closely with a faculty or staff advisor. Mitchell noted that this interaction will go beyond the work that the fraternity currently does with Director of Student Activities and Advisor to the InterSociety Council Lisa Magnarelli.

"This is in no way a punishment," said Mitchell. "In my experience it is an oddity that every fraternity and sorority not have an advisor. The whole purpose of the advisor is to have somebody offer guidance to think through ideas and to possibly raise questions, not to run things. It is the students' responsibility to do that. The advisor is really just a mentor."

Magnarelli also stressed that the advisor not be seen as a punishment, pointing out that the rest of the private societies on campus will also be asked to choose faculty/adult advisors. "Our goal is for each society to have an advisor by the end of the year," she said.

She, like Mitchell, stressed that this is not because of anything that the societies have done wrong. "It would be easy to say you have to do A, B, and C to exist on campus, but I don't' want to do that," said Magnarelli. "I want the groups to start interacting and to come up with suggestions on their own."

Magnarelli pointed out that a number of private societies already have informal adult advisors. Psi Upsilon, for example, has a "very active alum, who was a former president" and Magnarelli herself serves as an advisor to PBX.

By officially choosing an advisor, many of the societies would be formalizing a system that is already in place, said Magnarelli.

"This is just one more person that a society can go to for advice and help," she said. "It's not just another rule that the college is mandating."

Mitchell, speaking specifically about AD, said that the advisors would help societies with planning of events. "AD has some really good ideas about speakers, community service, and other community events. What we want to do is to help them keep these ideas on track. We really want to work with them in a positive way."

The Dean of Students also noted that AD, as well as the other fraternities and sororities, will be able to choose their own advisors.

"We are asking AD to identify that person whom they would like to work with as an advisor," she said. "It is very much up to them."

Other societies will choose advisors after members attend The North-American Interfraternity Conference, a leadership conference in January offered, said Magnarelli. Presidents of each society, a sophomore, and a third representative the society chooses will attend the conference.

"This means that young leadership, old leadership, and then someone else who really wants to attend can go," said Magnarelli. After the conference, she said, societies will be better able to choose a faculty/adult leader who shares their goals and ideas.

"We already have a list of faculty who have expressed interest in advising, we just need to find the best match for everyone," said Magnarelli.

Open House leaves prospectives "impressed"

*from **Open House**, page 1*

Open House coordinator, said that students who visit during Open House are more apt to apply to Hamilton.

"Because they're committing the time [for Open House]; they're serious about Hamilton," said Cardamone.

Cardamone said that the accessibility of professors is a key selling point for Hamilton. "[Each prospective will] hopefully have a one-on-one talk with a professor or at least get to ask a question or two. A lot of kids are very impressed," said Cardamone.

During the afternoon a panel of faculty and two students, Michael Stahl '06 and Martine Kalaw '03, fielded questions from prospectives about social and academic life at Hamilton.

Those prospectives participating in the Student of Color Senior Open House arrived Saturday and stayed overnight through Sunday with host students. Participation in the program is predicated by having at least a 3.5 GPA in college preparatory classes and by having demonstrated "significant involvement," said Associate Dean of Admission and Director of Multicultural Recruitment Andrea DuVall, who coordinates the Student of Color Open House.

"These are students that are going to have tremendous options at more selective schools... many [of the students] had already been to open houses at Middlebury and Stanford... [We want to show them that] Hamilton really is a good place to go to school," said DuVall.

Typically, about ten percent of students who visit during the Student of Color Open House will matriculate at Hamilton. Even those who do not matriculate benefit the college though their participation. "It takes the name back. We get name recognition throughout the country," said DuVall.

While visiting students, who traveled from as far as California and Texas, were on campus for a weekend packed with multicultural activities including Culture Fest and the Asian Cultural Society's Diwali festival. The student of Color Open House intentionally coincides with the general Open House.

"Students don't get a skewed perspective. We don't want Hamilton to appear more numerically diverse than it actually is," said DuVall.

Both DuVall and Cardamone felt the Open House weekend was a definitive success based on student feedback they received.

"Things ran smoothly, students were excited to interact with faculty, the food was good, and ... the weather was incredibly cooperative," said Cardamone.

Rainbow Alliance festival hoped to "increase sensitivity to the gay community"

*from **Festival**, page 2*

by sending them off to camps and churches to attempt to turn them into heterosexuals."

These camps and church programs are often set up by staunch conservatives who do believe that homosexuality is bad, heterosexuality is good, and that there is no in-between. Another important mistake that they make is the assumption that people's sexual orientation can be change, or even that they choose it to begin with. As Fraley said, "There's a developing industry in the US to save people from their evil and unnatural ways of living and set them on the natural path. These institutions try to encourage these young individuals to avoid anything including sexuality, in other words to become asexual. It's important to realize that asexuality isn't heterosexuality."

The second issue Rainbow Alliance hoped to bring to the community's attention in the film festival is cross-dressing, as an example of the different types of sexuality that lie in the middle between straight and gay. "The Crying Game" is about a young Scottish spy who falls in love with an English cross-dresser. Once the spy discovers that his love is another man, he doesn't know how to take the news, and allows his conservative views to interfere with their relationship. He later apologizes, realizing that he is still in love with the man dressed as a woman, and eventually goes to jail for "her" as a demonstration of his love.

Fraley himself cross-dresses sometimes, and he said, "The reason why I cross-dress is to increase an awareness of diversity because many Hamilton students hold conservative views. It's just to expose them to diversity, to shake things up a little, so it's not so black and white and to hopefully have some fun while exposing these people."

This week's film festival has been coordinated by both Fraley and Kimberly Silver '03. According to Fraley, "One of our endeavors is to increase gay awareness in the community. We hope to increase sensitivity to the gay com munity and hopefully people will not just accept us but embrace us."

Following the film festival, Rainbow Alliance plans to decorate the dining halls with a document they found in the library that suggests that Alexander Hamilton was gay. Also, they will be hosting another Homo-Hop later this year, which has grown in attendance in past years.

Democrats club seeking Hillary Clinton as speaker

*from **Democrats**, page 2*

tion on campus.

Kuhl explains, "It was dissapointing to hear so many of the great ideas discussed in class not acted on, especially so during the elections. Coming into Hamilton I had hoped that interest in politics would be prevalent on campus, but this didn't seem to be the case. By the 2004 election, we hope to have created a base to help put a Democrat in the White House."

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Refugee panel examines the "Challenges and Rewards of Resettlement" as part of global citizenship series

*from **Refugee**, page 1*

response to civil war in his native Sudan. He has also retained a job at the center, where he uses his training as a social worker to provide others the services he was once in need of.

The panel discussed a variety of issues facing refugees across the nation as well as in the Utica area.

According to Levitt Center Administrator Sally Carman "Since 1979 the Refugee Center has resettled more than 10,000 refugees. Oneida County now has the third largest concentration of refugees per capita in the United States."

According to the Immigration and Naturalization Service's website, a refugee is "any person who is outside his or her country of nationality who is unable or unwilling to return to that country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution... based on the alien's race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion."

Padiet and Lukovac elaborated on the long process of applying for asylum and being granted visas to come into the United States.

Padiet described bringing his blanket to sleep on a line outside the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Cairo, Egypt, where he traveled before coming to the United States.

He explained that after waiting an initial two weeks for paperwork to be processed, he waited an additional eight months for an interview, and then waited another month for the results. Several months and multiple interviews and medical screenings later, Padiet learned he would be coming to Utica.

As Padiet described, the process of applying for asylum is long and complicated. According to information distributed by the Refugee Center and attributed to the *Observer-Dispatch*, 68,426 refugees were resettled in the United States in 2001, with that number decreasing to 27,058 in 2002. Considering that the United Nations estimates that there are just under 20 million refugees worldwide, the process is selective and competitive.

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With a decreased number of refugees coming into the United States since the events of September 11, 2001, the refugee center has also had fewer coming through its doors.

Lukovac described the emotional effects of being forced out of her home.

"A refugee is a person who is excommunicated from society. He has to give up his own right to be a human being; to live; to have a right to the house for the children, for the family; to live the way he wants, just because someone decides for whatever stupid reason...that he doesn't belong there," Lukovac explained.

Lukovac made several stops before coming to the United States, including a year-and-a-half stay in Montenegro. Bosnian refugees were sent to countries such as Germany, Croatia, Italy, Sweden, Norway, or "whoever wanted to accept us," she recounted.

"The most important thing was that you are safe... you are alive, that you have a roof over you, that you have your clothes, and that you can eat... and then when you get there, then you start thinking about what you're gonna do," Lukovac said.

European countries, small and not used to the influx of large numbers of immigrants, do not offer refugees permanent asylum. Yet, many offer temporary refuge.

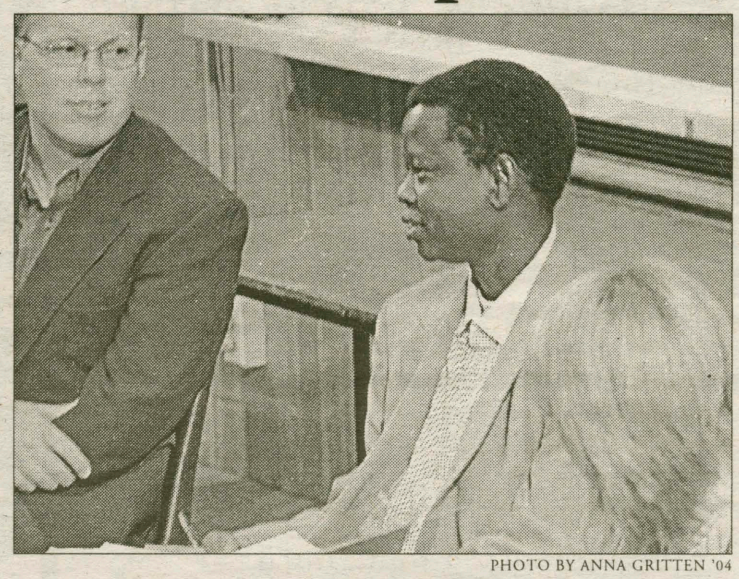
"You don't have complete rights. Most of the Western countries, they gave us shelter, they gave us apartments, they pay for food... but you are not allowed to work... you cannot live like that... that's not a solution to your life," Lukovac explained.

When the situation in their countries does not improve, many refugees temporarily living in Europe look to come to the United States, Canada, Australia, or New Zealand, nations that offer permanent resettlement programs to the displaced persons.

According to information distributed by the Refugee Center and attributed to the *Observer-Dispatch*, there were 492,500 refugees living in the United States in 2001. According to Vogelaar, refugees brought to the U.S. receive green cards and may be eligible for citizenship after five years.

The panel discussed the difference between immigrants and refugees at length. Lukovac was particularly adamant in stressing the distinction, telling the audience that immigrants have a choice, while refugees have none.

Vogelaar elaborated, saying that "Many of the refugees that come, they come with their hearts still in their home countries. They're not coming as immigrants who are seeking a new life and a better opportunity and a better job or to start their own business... Many of the refugees come having left everything behind: family, friends, their home, and not by choice. There is a big difference there."



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MVRCR provides many services to the refugees brought into the Utica area. The center provides access to English as a Second Language Classes (ESL) in addition to jobs and life necessities.

"When you come here, the refugee center helps you, gives you the basic needs... You need an apartment, you need food, they help you with social service, they open your case, they give you food stamps, they give you Medicaid... and they take you to the doctor. They help you," Lukovac said, adding that the benefits are "only for the first few months."

Padiet compared teaching the refugees to live in America with teaching children.

"You cannot just always feed a child, you have to let the child feed itself, so that it can be mature. So we give them the necessary things, and then later they can come back themselves and they know this is the grocery, this is the pharmacy, this is the social service. If they need a form to fill out, they can go there and fill it out; if they have any problems, then they can come back to us, and help them and we show them this is how you can do it, and later on, people know how to do it. And from there, you will be self-reliant," Padiet explained.

Both Lukovac and Padiet have young children who are also dealing with assimilation into American society. Lukovac shared that her ten-year-old son seems to be ashamed of his Bosnian heritage and has rejected the family's native language. The panel spent several minutes addressing the difficulties of children finding an identity when taken out of their original environment. A consensus was reached that children, trying to fit in, may take any steps to do so, but that later in life they will likely develop a greater appreciation of their roots.

With a decreased number of refugees coming into the United States since the events of September 11, 2001, the center has also had fewer coming through its doors. Nonetheless, they are still actively trying to create a sense of community for the refugees in Utica and the surrounding area. Students who wish to participate in a new volunteer program that will commence in the spring can reach the center at (315) 738-1083.

Brothers look forward to pool tournament

*from **Brothers**, page 2*

ganization also hopes to sponsor on-campus speakers, a canned food drive, and a male persons of color panel discussion during Black History month. The group also plans to do some fundraising activities (since the organization does not receive funding from the college because they want to have total freedom with their finances), including selling T-shirts imprinted with motivational sayings. Ultimately, the Brothers Organization seeks to "foster unity and brotherhood through academic excellence and social leadership. The group meets every Sunday at 6 PM in the Afro-Latin Cultural Center; the organization is open to all members of Hamilton's campus.

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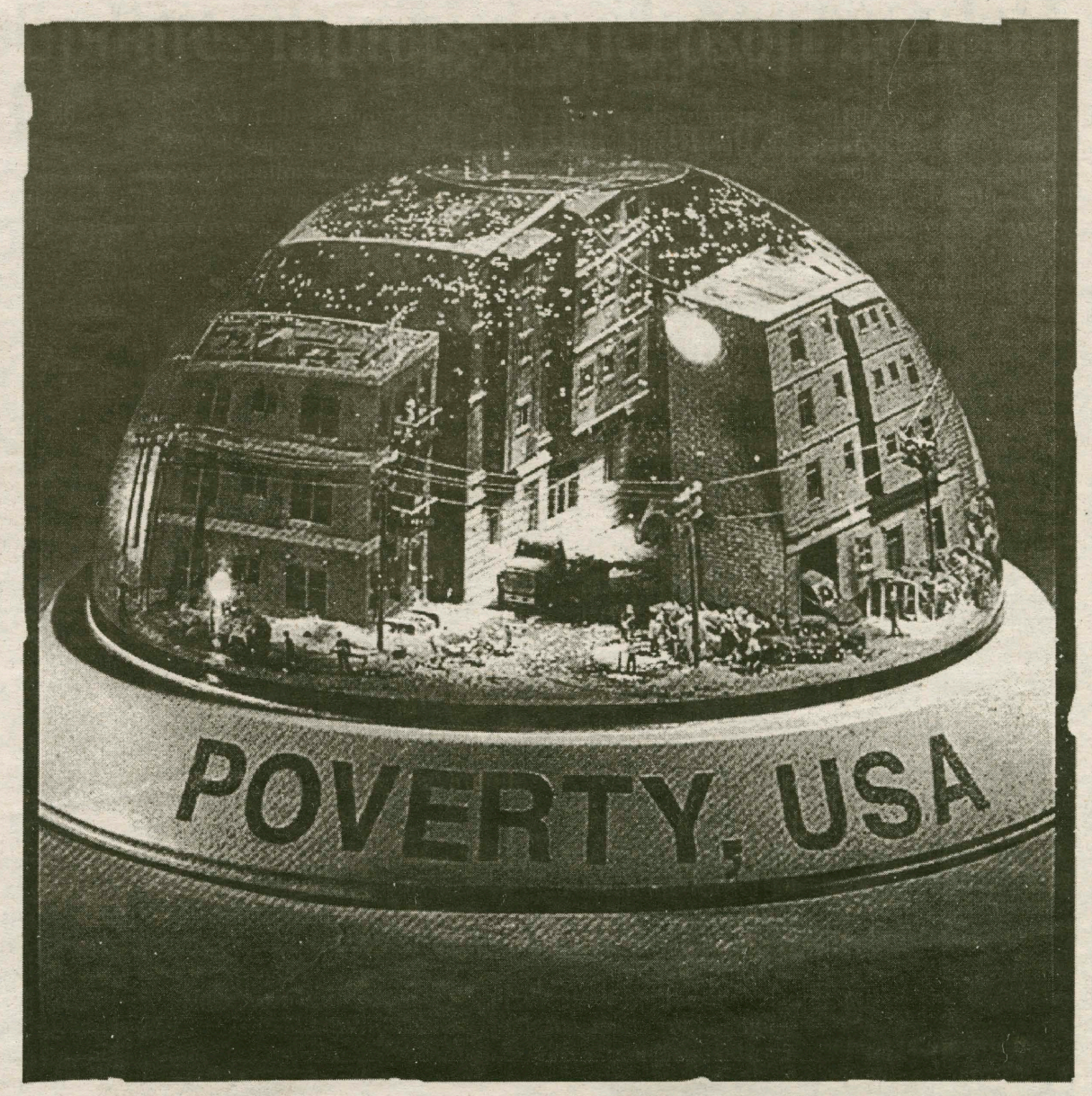

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Hamilton Unscripted: What's the best thing about being a Freshman?

"Free booze all the time."
-Cate West

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-Amy Conroy

"Being able to go out there and meet new people."
-Aliya Jlloh

"Ticket or no ticket, no problems getting into Bundy parties."
-Jess Gorman and Amanda Bennett

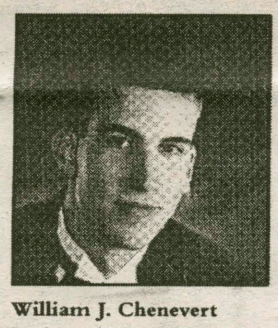
My ode to the Facebook

BILL CHENEVERT '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS EDITOR

Apparently there are several intimate selective liberal arts colleges in the country who use, create, or distribute something like our beloved Facebook (or, "New Faces" book). It's really strange sometimes though, when you think about the percentage or proportion of your class whose faces you immediately can put a name to. Some people love it; a sense of having an identity and not being a number in a sea of names may be what some people came to Hamilton for. For some, however, they may not enjoy not being able to walk to class without feeling like they are back in the halls of High School.

Facebooks are coveted by upperclassmen. RAs get a copy of the new edition every August, and rightfully so, since I was hoping to get a glimpse at the personality of my twenty first-year residents. Predatory upperclassmen like to try to pick out the hot ones that they want to get with and the societies use them like a phone book to ID rushes. Each page is lit up by a wide variety of faces, expressions, visible personality traits, beaming smiles, and pensive poses. The Facebook's portraits run the gambit from daddy's little girl's glamour shots, to modelesque portfolio headshots, to senior portraits, to candid poses making your head appear awkwardly angled, to goofy photo booth face exercises, to soft light picturesque prep school scenes. Soon enough you recognize the sprinkling of friends on every page.

It's actually quite frightening, I've found, how many people I have some sort of connection to on every page. In the interest of not using first or last names, here are some anonymous backgrounds that I can cite at first glance of one page. She's from France, he's roommates with a castmate, she's the lacrosse superstar, he's the Midwesterner with the hilarious sense of humor, she's my good friend's roommate, she went to high school with an aquaintance, she ran cross-country and lives with my friend's friend, he delivers the Spec, she works at Opus, I think he got kicked out, he's my boy, she's a news writer, he plays the guitar, he transferred, and she lived with an old crush of mine. Whoa! That's not knowing enough about twelve out of twenty-five pictures on a page, chosen at random, that I didn't think I could accurately sum up what they do or who they are.



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So that was an exercise in displaying the absurdity of the Facebook. Please, if you figure out which page I just used and call me out on not knowing you, do not be upset. The idea of this article was to celebrate the simple pleasure of a yearbook-like collection of one-fourth of the student body. Sometimes I don't want to be recognized crossing the bridge at 3 in the morning, but other times, I admit, I very much enjoy the comfort of having many acquaintances. The lesson to be learned by prospective Hamilton students: do not come to Hamilton to revel in anonymity. It is impossible to maintain.

THUMBS UP

-Jeff Little swooping in to give us back our fourth day of Senior Week

-EMTs

-The rumored arrival of an orange and yellow crane in the coming weeks

-The Sig house becoming the newest social space this January

- The wait is FINALLY over – The Jammin' Dance Junctions' first "partee" this Saturday!!!!

-This evening's open bar happy hour at the Little Pub...Thanks again, Mr. Little

THUMBS DOWN

- Being a victim of the Curve Theory

-$55 sweatshirts at the College Store...What are they made of, gold?

-Louis Black, the incorrectly spelled name that appeared on CAB's ticket

-Campus Safety's latest vice: kleptomania

-Mo's shameless promotion of Karaoke Night....just another excuse for him to use other peoples' words

-When a recurring late night "mistake" suddenly becomes your better half

Chris Preston '03, Paul P. Jones '03, and Deirdre Fenton '04

WHO CARES?

-Justinio's claims that he has a "beautiful" girlfriend...Yeah, maybe when he takes her out of the closet and blows her up

-Amnesty Week...what's next, Earth Spirituality Week?

-This week's random Recycling Fact: Dead puppies are not recyclable

-ITS's registration presentation: "First, you stare at the computer for three hours while the system isn't working...."

-Bon Appetit's recent food-satisfaction surveys: "Do you like taking a dump four times a day?"

The newest Mexican import: Ernesto

ADAM GORDON '06
INSIGHTS & IDEAS WRITER

I'm sitting here at 2:19 AM, trying to figure out what the hell I'm going to take next semester. There are so many interesting courses and not enough time in which to take them all. I am aggravated. The ones I want don't work together in terms of scheduling. I may have to wake my lazy butt up for an 8 AM class. Then all these people are telling me to start thinking about my major. My major? I'm a freshman. I don't know what I'm going to do with my life. I like a lot of subjects. Why should I have to worry about this during my freshman year? You know, I was going to write an article bitching about the crap first years have to go through, but now I realize that you probably don't care. That being said, I have one question: Do you know Ernesto D. Medina Gomez?

Ernesto D. Medina Gomez is the man. Nicknamed "Ernie," "Easy E" and "Mexican," Ernesto is originally from Mexico City. He comes to Hamilton after winning a prestigious scholarship and studying at Wales for the past two years. It was there that he not only learned English, but gained the distinguished title of "Grandmaster Pimp Daddy-o." Known for his smooth talking with "las chicas" and his exotic looks, Mr. Gomez is truly the ladies man. "They dig the accent," he boldly asserts, though we still suspect he is faking it. Unlike we gringos, Ernesto is extremely sensitive and compassionate. They flock to him, despite his decision to "shower every two days if I feel like it." He's the kind of guy who appreciates women for what they have inside as well as outside. Why can't everyone be like Ernesto?

Aside from his ties with the ladies, Ernesto is one bright kid. He wants to take 5 classes per semester and have three majors. The scary thing is that he can probably do it. When he's not pimping, you can find him working at the Dean of Students' office. You'd better watch out: he has access to your files. Ernesto is a man of power. He is also a Spanish TA. You should see how many people are always calling him, asking him questions or for help. He spends much of his spare time helping those who need it. You rarely see people who are so generous. When you think about it, Americans are selfish. It's sad, but true.

Ernesto probably hasn't told anyone, but he's also an aspiring musician. Once in a while, we whip out the guitar (after sampling another fine Mexican product) and he sings a rendition of "La Bamba" that would make Richie Valens wet his pants. At the top of his lungs, he graces the 3rd floor of North with beautiful harmonies. Sometimes he gives us an encore with "La Cucaracha." One day, he will sell out Minor Theatre.

Wait! There is more to Ernie! You wouldn't think that someone as busy as would have the time to row crew. Joining the crew team with no experience, his work ethic has allowed him to compete at the novice level. Despite physically breaking his seat in the boat in the last race, Ernesto Medina Gomez is graced with athletic talent. Well, sort of. You have to give him credit for believing in himself and trying something new.

I've concluded that Ernesto D. Medina Gomez is one the best people I know. Why? Well, above his intelligence, he's just an overall good person. Yet, we give him so much crap all the time. We make jokes about odors, Immigration Services, pony tails, boarder patrols. Last week, we took out his bed board so when he jumped into bed he fell right through. While our jokes are meant to be harmless (and he knows this) I have to ask, why do we harass such a great person? I think it's because we know that he has many great qualities, some that we don't have. It's hard to believe that Americans may not always be superior. I sometimes wish that I could be as kind and sincere as his. He works hard, is a serious about his goals, and is rarely mean to others. Ernie is what our society would call a "model person" (except when he eats our food and steals our $&@#). I think it's sort of ironic that someone not even from our country fits the criteria to be an American "model person." We need to shape up and get our act together. We have to follow Ernie's path. So tomorrow when you wake up, glance into the mirror and ask yourself, "How can I be like Ernesto?" (Just make sure you keep good hygiene and you'll be set). Who would have thought a Mexican could show us how to be better people?

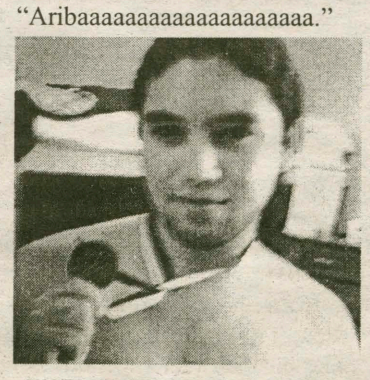
As I was writing this, Ernie stopped by:

"What the hell are you doing?"

I had to be honest:

"Trying to secure you some booty."

"Aribaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa."



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Is an Iraqi Invasion Worth it?

JAMES CROWLEY '05
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With his recent acceptance of UN weapons inspectors, Saddam Hussein has probably done nothing more than buy himself time. As the cowboy himself, Georgey B, is herding us all toward war, the forceful deconstruction of Iraq's government becomes more foreseeable with each passing day. But with all the pro-invasion sentiment, I wonder how much thought is being given to the future of Iraq, beyond our triumphant victory.

In his essay, "The Clash of Civilizations", Samuel Huntington states: "The efforts of the West to promote its values of democracy and liberalism as universal values, to maintain its military predominance and to advance its economic interests engender countering responses from other civilizations."

The task of removing Hussein and the rest of his office will fall most heavily onto the shoulders of the United States (the US being the true muscle of the United Nations). What this means is that the United States will also assume the most responsibility in the reconstruction of the Iraqi government.

It will begin with military rule, in which around 40,000 US soldiers could be required to occupy major cities. It's safe to say that the locals won't enjoy this period. As it did in Afghanistan, the presence of American soldiers will push more of the population toward the open arms of violent radical groups. Our soldiers will become the targets of terrorist attacks for years to come. As in Germany and Japan, we can predict to have US soldiers in Iraq for perhaps the next fifty years following the invasion.

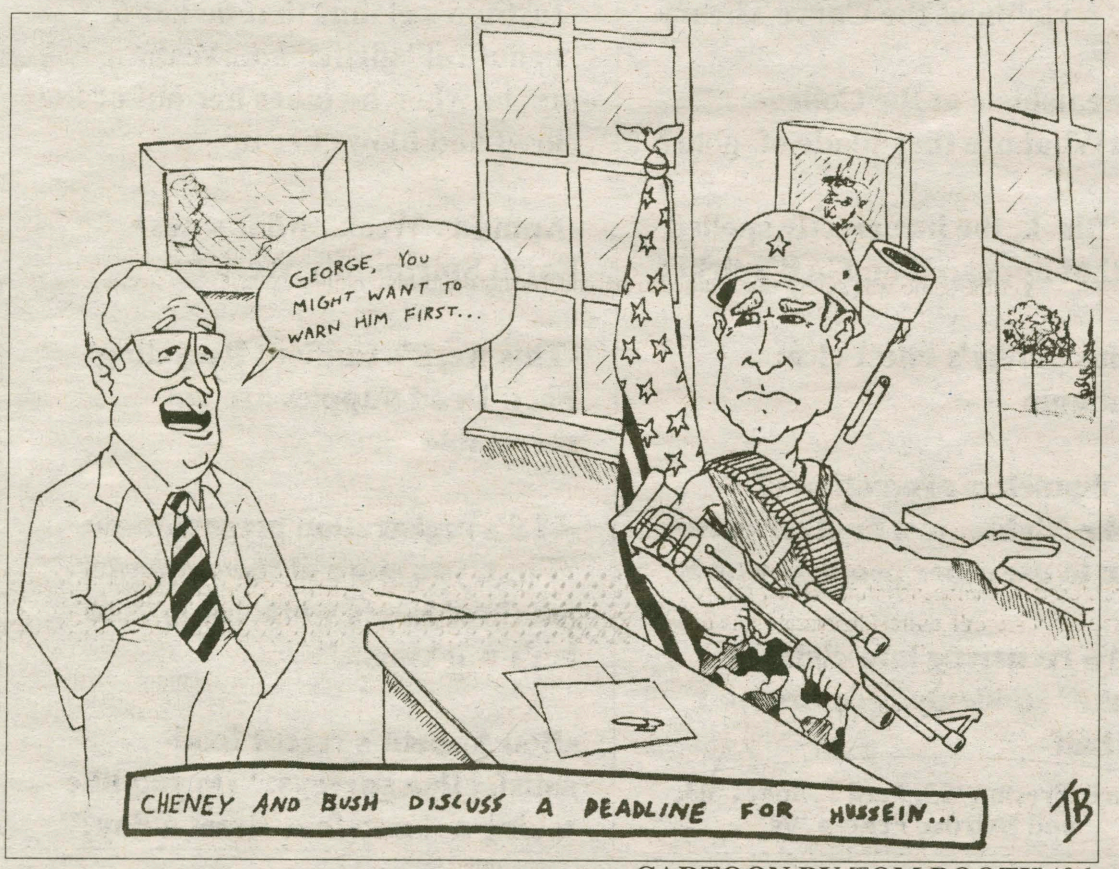
Now let's say we finally are able to move past this stage of total martial law (and that's a big "if.") What form of government are we preparing to establish? It has been the practice of the US to compose Democracies when reconstructing governments, but never before have we had to deal with a country split into three distinct groups—Kurds in the North, Shiites in the South, and the Sunnis stuck in the middle. This was not a problem in Germany or in Japan following WWII; both of those countries were of homogeneous race. If we encourage nationalism in Iraq, are we prepared to initiate the total division of Iraq? Or are we going to ignore the violent internal disputes in which the three factions have been engage and try to establish an overarching government?

Yet another problem is defining the term Democracy. Basic cultural differences between the peoples of Western and non-Western descent could hinder efforts to create a Democratic government that resembles anything with which we are familiar. Iraq is a country with a strong religious movement. Although in America we hold secularism as a basic principle, some in Iraq might disagree with the separation of their religion from their government. Is the US going to allow fundamentalists to once again take power in Iraq?

Now let's talk about the cost in cold, hard cash. To tell you the truth I can't even guess, but it's going to be more than you can imagine. Billions. Billions and billions of our soon-to-be-increased tax dollars. Billions not being spent on reforming our public education system; billions not being spent on government transfers; billions not being spent on countless things within our borders that desperately need the attention. The cost to invade, reconstruct and to occupy will be phenomenal. Our children will be paying for this (with their minimum wage jobs if they don't get better school systems).

Lastly, if we go ahead with this, let's get ready to paint a huge, red bulls-eye over every significant city, building, bridge, airplane, barrack, and vacation club, because, oh yes, it's huntin' season for these fanatics. And let's not forget about Israel; even when things look pretty bad, they can get a helluva lot worse. With all these questions I've raised, here's one absolute: the backlash from this invasion is going to be horrifying.

Remember that these extremists are people pushed against a wall, watching as Westernization threatens every moral they've ever prized. They don't see the invasion of Iraq as a "police action" in the defense of the free world, they see it as an imperialist attack to monopolize oil and degrade their orthodox values. Many of us have forgotten that—we're too caught up in Bush's pro-war fervor to see the consequences of what we are about to do, which is to hurl a rock at an enormous hornets nest.



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Peepers:
slumming at its best

SEAN O'CONNELL '05
WITH JAMES WALSH '05 & KATE NOCERA '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS CONTRIBUTORS

The lack of viable social options on the Hamilton campus left me and a group of friends to wander upon *Peepers*, a "classy" gentleman's club in Utica a few weeks ago. Until that point, I was a strip-club virgin, having never experienced the splendor of knock-off Victoria's Secret lingerie and poorly done silicone jobs.

Driving up the Arterial, the five of us tried to get excited about our little excursion: "Oochie Wally" was the tone. After navigating through the streets of one of the shadiest parts of town (I can honestly say that I've felt safer driving through the South Bronx) we parked a few feet from the entrance of the establishment. Making sure to test my vehicle's alarm twice, the five of us quickly got into a tiff about who was going to enter first for fear of what creatures might be lurking inside. Sure enough, our instincts had served us well. We were greeted by the "bouncer," who looked more like a sexually frustrated elf than an instrument of intimidation, beckoning us for our IDs. When he saw that we were reaching for our wallets, he smiled, saying "I'm just jerking you off... -I mean, I don't actually wanna see them." (If only buying cigarettes at Nice n' Easy were this efficient.) We paid the seven dollar cover charge, minor ducats for Hamilton students, but a bit pricy for the so-called entertainment that was to come.

As we rounded the corner to the (soda and coffee) bar area, I was suddenly bitch-slapped by gaudy lighting and tacky eighties music. ("Oh girls, they just wanna have fun.") I took a seat in one of the pleather chairs set up along the perimeter of the room. I reached inside my pocket for some Purell, feeling slimy already. The girl on the "runway" was topless and trying to do some sort of trick with the pole – I had to restrain myself from saying, "Honey, don't give up your day job."

The next dancer stepped on the runway carrying some paper towels. My mind was doing backflips: what sort of naughty things would she do with those? I nearly broke out in hives when I saw her wiping down the pole that "Miss Thang" had just finished straddling. It was just plain nast. Despite my personal disgust with the whole establishment, my partner-in-porn, James, decided to opt for the exclusiveness of the V.I.P. room with a pretty gal named Candy. He emerged ten minutes later, saying "I've met the woman of my dreams. It's obvious I'm going to marry her within the next three years." At that point, I knew things were getting out of hand. It was time to make an exit.

As we got up to leave, I was careful not to bump into any of the locals – I wasn't sure how my new Polo Cords would react when mixed with brushed cotton from Wal-Mart. Once we were safely driving back to the Hill, we all took out our checkbooks and quickly made sizable donations to the Wo(man)'s Center, hoping the monetary contribution would help them forgive our misogynist transgressions. All the while, James was begging us to stop at a local jewelry store – Candy wouldn't be available forever.

Bottom line: I was expecting too much. But *Peepers* is a trashy – albeit different-activity for a Friday night in Central New York. But hey, at least I can say I'm not a strip club virgin anymore.

Disclaimer: This article is not intended to condone pornography or the subjugation of women in a heterosexist, male dominated society.

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Letters to the Editor:

Dear Editor of the Spectator,

Prior to and shortly after Gene's resignation, faculty members presented the revealing of Gene's speeches as a moral matter. The argument seemed to be that the President, intentionally or not, had committed a serious wrong and that that wrong needed to be corrected. I was assured that the motivation on the part of faculty involved in the revealing process was moral.

Now we are presented with serious factual claims and questions by Professor Klinkner (faculty e-mail) that, if true, indicate that the faculty centrally involved with the revealing were themselves engaged in unprofessional and morally questionable behavior. Yet the many faculty members who voiced their moral concern about Gene's behavior are strangely silent on this possibly serious moral matter.

Perhaps the silence is indicative of the fact that faculty fear that continued investigation will hurt Gene even more. I doubt that it would. First, it is difficult to imagine what greater hurt could be done Gene than what has already been done. Some believe that the hurt was just punishment, others feel that the punishment exceeded the crime and was not a hurt but a harm. Second, an investigation into the process need not be a further investigation into Gene's activities. That matter is settled and finished. The two matters are separable unless the revealers themselves insist on besmirching Gene's name. Since their motivation is moral, we can rest assured that they would not.

Perhaps the silence is indicative of the fact that the faculty believe that there is a morally relevant difference between Gene's situation and the situation of the revealers. Some tell me that to pursue the truth of the claims and questions raised by Professor Klinkner would be too divisive. It is better, now, to put the whole issue to rest and to proceed with business as usual. There is a morally relevant difference, the claim goes, because investigating Gene was not divisive but investigating the revealers is. Even if the revealers were engaged in unprofessional and morally questionable behavior, the consequences of investigating them are too dire to justify the investigation regardless of what was done. Better not to know.

Yet the same was surely true about the investigation of Gene's speeches. While some have expressed to me that Professor Klinkner's is a lone voice, I write in part to ensure you that it is not. Many of us believe that even if Gene is as guilty as the day is long, there is sufficient reason to suspect that the process that revealed Gene's activities was itself morally questionable and unprofessional. If true, Professor Klinkner's claims and questions make that clear. To allow the process to stand unquestioned is to encourage it to happen again. The process of the revealing has already divided us. The issue now is whether we will follow our moral motivation to its logical conclusion and see that the record is set straight.

If we turn a blind eye on the factual claims and questions raised by Phil, we reveal something important about ourselves. Are we merely moral hypocrites willing to use moral language as a tool when it serves our perceived short-term interests and equally willing to ignore morality when its prescriptions do not fit such interests? Do we place ourselves above morality but find ourselves willing to use moral judgments against others when it serves our purpose to do so? Such self-righteousness and hypocrisy does not go unnoticed by members of the community as letters to the Editor of the Spectator and local newspapers attest. Such self-righteousness and hypocrisy does not serve us well as a faculty or a college.

What will set the record straight? I believe that sunlight is the best antiseptic. The faculty needs to investigate itself to determine whether the facts and questions raised by Phil and others show that the faculty involved were engaged in unprofessional and morally questionable behavior. I do not claim to know that they were. I do not think that any of us know that they were or were not except, perhaps, the revealers themselves. A careful investigation by respected faculty that reveals the facts of the matter to the faculty and allows the faculty to form its own opinions and judgments and act accordingly is the only way that I know to settle the issue and, finally, allow us to put the matter behind us with a clear conscience. I recall nasty tenure decisions that tore apart the faculty for 3 and 4 years before they were addressed and put to rest. We do not need to repeat those mistakes.

We need to heal ourselves in a timely fashion.

Professor Werner,
John Stewart Kennedy
Professor of Philosophy

To the Editor:

Many presume that President Bush has a unilateralist commitment to remove Saddam's military threat, and to haughtily assert America's imperialist hegemony. I grant that his words are militant, and I would like to believe in his resolve. The president's approach, however, leads me to question that his aims are unified to that end. I do not doubt his visceral attitude, but that he has other goals as well, along with constraints and misguided concepts, such as appeasing the U.N., which preclude any overall principle.

Consequently, Bush could never say that the defense of America and its citizens is the quintessential obligation of our government, which should overshadow all other considerations and necessitate that we employ whatever means necessary for victory. His policies are necessarily fragmented, so that, to date, he has presented no consistent strategy, nor any criteria for what constitutes winning the broader war.

Let us then remember that the only standard for measuring words is their correspondence with deeds. And let us remember the cliches of our paper tiger past that Osama bin Laden continues to invoke.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Rick, '05

Dear Editor,

Jonathan Rick began his November 8, 2002 letter to the Editor regarding Jimmy Carter's winning the Nobel Peace Prize by pointing out, "How quickly those in Oslo forget what a sorry president Carter was." What Mr. Rick seems to have missed is that the Peace Prize is awarded to the individual who has, in the preceding year, stood strongest for, "the holding and promotion of peace" rather than attempting to congratulate former leaders of the United States (www.nobel.se/peace). This criticism starts the letter off on a decidedly Ameri-centric note, and when Rick later complains that Carter lost control of "our Panama Canal" one must wonder if we are being led to believe that the title "Panama Canal" is coincidental.

Since being "crushed by a landslide" in the 1980 Presidential election, former President Carter's career has been nothing short of inspirational. In 1982, President Carter, along with the former first lady, Rosalyn Carter, founded the Carter Center, a non-profit organization, which has its basis in "a commitment to human rights and the alleviation of human suffering" (www.cartercenter.org/ aboutus/ faqs.asp?submenu=aboutus). The Carter Center tackles issues ranging from global conflict resolution to the promotion of democracy and the fight against disease in third world nations. Carter has also famously supported Habitat for Humanity, an organization that provides affordable housing to needy families worldwide.

But Carter 's greatest accomplishment likely came during the era that Rick argues was Carter's weakest, his presidency. At Camp David from September 5 to September 17, 1978, Carter met with Egyptian President Anwar al-Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin. The summit resulted in the signing of the original Camp David Peace accords (http://www.jimmycarterlibrary.org/documents/campdavid/accords.phtml). In Section One of the Framework for Peace, the signers outline a plan for a peaceful solution to the conflict in Gaza and the West Back.

Carter's foresight into the international importance of the Arab-Israeli conflict is certainly visionary. His attempt to examine the root causes of hate and distrust in the region might well serve our current government when attempting to deal with the rising threat of terrorism. But instead, our President seems poised to jump as hastily as Mr. Ricks does from a minimal amount of discussion into "total war against Saddam Hussein's Iraq."

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Odland
Class of 2003

Which one would you choose?

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Science

Apple updates laptops; Microsoft announces Tablet PC

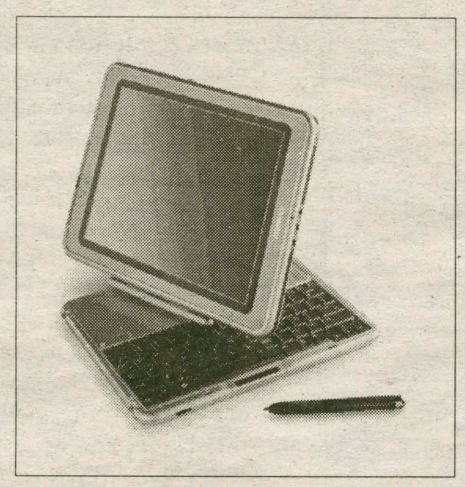
by Aram Kudurshian '06
SCIENCE WRITER

Last week Apple Computer overhauled their portable line, and Microsoft introduced software for the Tablet PC, both companies aiming at boosting holiday computer sales in a dwindling economy. In a surprise move, both companies decided to release their new wares last Wednesday, each attempting to grab the media spotlight.

Announcing their updates first, Apple Computer overhauled their complete portable line while slashing prices in a move that they hope will make their computers more competitive during the upcoming holiday season.

Apple's professional line of laptops, the PowerBook G4, were upgraded with faster G4 chips and gained the ability to burn DVDs on the go. Furthermore, the graphics chip was updated to the latest Radeon 9000, while prices dropped by up to $500. Apple also updated their consumer line of portables, the iBook, by speeding up the G3 processor, replacing the aging graphics chip with a more powerful Radeon 7500, and slashing prices by $200 across the line.

The clear winner of the day, though, was Microsoft with their introduction of Windows XP Tablet Edition, a specially designed version of Windows that allows users to input text by writing directly on the screen via a stylus. Before you go out and search for this new OS, know that it will only be available to manufacturers directly, as it requires a touch sensitive display.



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This "computer of tomorrow," the Compaq Tablet, is available to consumers today.

The main draw of the tablet PC is its ability to accept input via a stylus or a keyboard --what this means it that you can directly write on the screen and jot down notes, create pictures, and more. Manufactures such as Compaq and Toshiba have created new laptops featuring the special screen, which allow you to disconnect the screen from the keyboard, creating a truly mobile device.

Microsoft hopes that this innovation will lead to doctors using tablet PCs instead of patient charts, businesses equipping sales personal with "hi-tech" notebooks that can be used to display their products, and students using the Tablet PC to take notes and interact with their teachers. At the moment, though, you can expect these Tablet PCs to cost several hundred dollars more than a similarly equipped laptop--mainly due to the novelty and the cost of creating specifically designed laptops.

While the technology is new, the concept has been around for almost a decade now. Apple Computer released the Newton, a similar device, back in the mid 1990s and has included built-in support for handwriting recognition in its latest operating system, Mac OS X 10.2. Additionally, PDAs such as Palm Pilots have had handwriting recognition for some time now.

Microsoft claims that this will revolutionize the market as the user won't have to learn a specific set of motions for each letter--instead, Windows XP Tablet Edition will learn from the user. The most recent reviews of the devices, though, suggest that this is not totally the case; Microsoft has only allowed input from the stylus in certain applications, and the recognition software still has room to improve, although all of this can change in later software revisions.

In a remarkable show of confidence, Bill Gates, CEO of Microsoft, predicted that the "Tablet [PC] would be the most popular form of PC sold in America," although he continued by saying that this would not happen overnight. Look for these new devices soon at specialty shops and large retailers.

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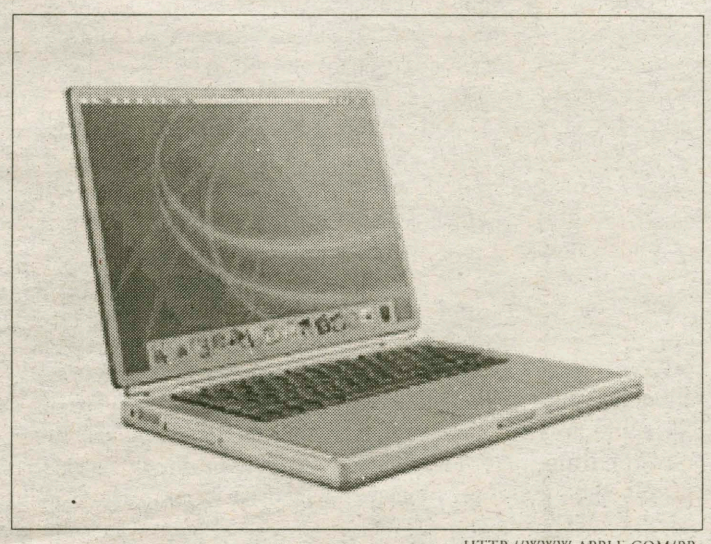

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Hiccups: What they are and how to cure them

by Kristin Patrick '03
SCIENCE EDITOR

Sure, you've heard of a hundred ways to get rid of hiccups, but do any of them actually work? And why do we get hiccups in the first place?

Hiccups result from an involuntary response that interferes with breathing. During a hiccup, your diaphragm, the muscle under your lungs inside the rib cage that controls breathing, depresses, as it does when you inhale. Within 35 milliseconds, a signal interferes with the normal breathing mechanism. Instead of taking air deep into your lungs, your glottis, a flap that covers your airway while you are eating, slams shut and prevents any air from actually entering your lungs. This manifests itself as the "hic" associated with a hiccup.

The reason this happens still remains elusive to scientists. It has been hypothesized that hiccups serve to exercise the inspiratory muscles in a fetus. Fetal hiccups are commonly observed, and premature infants spend approximately 2.5% of their waking moments hiccupping, supporting the idea that hiccups may allow a fetus to "practice" breathing without permitting amniotic fluid from entering its developing lungs. It is possible that adult hiccups are merely a residual reflex left over from our time in the womb.

In many cases, hiccups are precipitated by certain activities, including eating too much or too fast, drinking carbonated beverages, and, yes, being intoxicated. Some scientists think that in these cases distension of the stomach may irritate the diaphragm, which induces a spasm and causes hiccups.

Hiccups have also been associated with a variety of ailments such as pneumonia and hepatitis. Even laughing has been known to cause hiccups.

For the most part, it remains unknown as to exactly what triggers hiccups, but in rare cases they have been linked to brain tumors, infections, and gastric ulcers. Some report that they can be a side effect of certain drugs, including immune-system suppressants and tranquilizers.

Perhaps this was the case for Charles Osborne, an Iowa farmer who has the dubious honor of holding the world record for the longest bout of hiccups, which lasted for over 69 years. Osborne is said to have hiccupped every one-and-a-half seconds throughout the 69 years.

Most people are willing to try anything in order to get rid of hiccups. In severe, chronic cases, doctors have prescribed drugs to help calm the spasms of the diaphragm, including medicinal marijuana. But for everyday hiccups, the following, more traditional approaches are likely more appropriate.

Here are some remedies for the hiccups from The Hiccup Page (www.dgotech.com/hiccup/index.html) and http://www.otan.us/webfarm/emailproject/hic14.htm. *The Spectator* Science section does not endorse any of the following fixes, but feel free to try to find one that works for you.

-Eat a spoonful of sugar
-Bend over forward and drink a glass of water
-Put your hands over your ears and drink a glass of water (this one requires a second party to hold the glass for you)
-Hold your breath
-Breath in and out forcefully into a brown paper bag
-Gag yourself with a spoon
-Pull hard on your tongue
-Gargle with saltwater
-Inhale something that will make you sneeze
-Suck on crushed ice, a lemon wedge, or a spoonful of peanut butter
-Take a shot of pickle juice
-Place a bag of ice on your diaphragm (right below your ribcage)
-Have someone tickle you
-Have someone rub your belly
-Rub the backs of your ears, applying medium pressure
-Eat a teaspoon of mustard
-Apply ice to the side of the Adam's apple (or, if you're a woman, to where an Adam's apple would be if you had one).

Also of note are remedies that rely on tricking or distracting individuals with the hiccups. Many people swear that if you ask people with the hiccups for $10 they owe you, the afflicted will concentrate so hard on trying to figure out why they owe you money that their hiccups miraculously disappear. Try this on your friends sometimes–unless you enjoy hearing them suffer when they come home drunk and hiccuping on a night you had to stay home and study for the GREs...

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Features

Does Bon Appetit measure up?

College food standards on the rise nationally

by Allison Davis '06
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As Hamilton students, when we consider the phrase "college food," two possibilities come to mind. For a few of us, college food means endless meals of takeout Chinese and Roma's delivery at two AM, washed down with unrefrigerated Natty Ice.

For most others, it means McEwen stir-fry, whatever happens to be in the glass case at Commons, or fried anything at our beloved campus greasy spoon, the Howard Diner.

In any case, at Hamilton as well as at many other colleges, the mere phrase is treated like the punch line to a joke whenever it is mentioned. We hear "college food" and our thoughts turn to the institutional slop served at many of our old high schools, or the hair-netted lunch ladies and mystery meat of our erstwhile fifth-grade cafeteria.

Whether these preconceptions of college meals are the reality or not, we always tend to think of mass quantities of food prepared for large amounts of people as inferior to a "home-cooked meal."

However, a new trend has emerged in many colleges, including Hamilton. In light of the increasing number of students choosing the pizza-and-beer option over dining hall cuisine, many institutions have upped the ante of everything from the quality of the cuisine they serve to the atmosphere of the dining halls themselves.

In some cases, the meals served are considered by any standards to be superior to mom's meatloaf and are even comparable to the food found in a fine-dining restaurant.

The Wall Street Journal recently reported on this phenomenon, sending journalists and celebrity chefs to 20 public and private colleges of various sizes to see if the increased spending by colleges on dining services has paid off in terms of actual quality.

Of course, it was found that some colleges (most notably the University of Texas at Austin and UC-Berkeley) did not meet up to the higher expectations of today's college students.

At UT reporters were served "zucchini mush" and "yams a shade past putrescence." At Berkeley, the house specialty was fish tacos - case rested.

By and large, though, most of the schools evaluated by the Journal lived up to these elevated expectations, and then some. At Yale's Berkeley residential college, students dine on sole Française and fingerling potatoes using fine china.

Maine's College of the Atlantic boasts organic produce grown on campus, and the University of Southern California's dining halls boast minimalist décor akin to that of trendy restaurants in LA.

Hamilton has not, by any means, been left out of this trend. Bon Appetit, which provides dining services to many other colleges across the country, maintains a policy of keep-

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The Spectator Eatery Review:

The Phoenician: a good destination in the land of local dining

by Christopher R. LaRosa '03
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Lebanese food in its various forms can be found locally.

For those in search of a meal with a middle-eastern twist, the Phoenician Restaurant offers a fine selection of entrees and appetizers. The Phoenician's menu is comprehensive and versatile. New Hartford's Lebanese restaurant offers both traditional food, and more standard dishes for the less adventurous. Branching out from the course of your normal dining habits at The Phoenician is recommended.

If you are unaccustomed to ethnic dining, food described with foreign ingredients and unfamiliar preparation methods may be difficult to envision from menu descriptions.

Fortunately for my party of five, our waitress seemed to think we would learn best by tasting. Seeing perplexed looks on our faces when trying to make appetizer selections, she asked, "Is this your first time here?" Before we replied she said, "I'll take care of you," and disappeared into the kitchen.

She returned shortly with a complimentary sampling of appetizers that greatly aided in our decision-making process. Cuing your waiter or waitress in to your incompetence early on will only help your cause.

Any meal should start out with an appetizer. Your best choices include, Baba Ghanouge, Tabbuli, Falafil, and other smooth-textured foods that spread over bread.

Kabobs dominate the menu of entrées at the Phoenician. Lamb, beef, chicken seafood, and pork kabobs are juxtaposed with restaurant staples, such as filet mignon, lamb chops, swordfish and steak on the menu. Each entrée comes with salad and rice. The food packs taste, but isn't overwhelming. The proprietors of the restaurant reflect Lebanon's Christian minority, as on Friday the menu expands to include three additional fish dishes.

For those looking for a broad-based introduction to Lebanese salads, the Maza offers a variety of salads. For those with copious appetites, the Phoenician Platter for One includes a choice of Kabobs, a side dish of beef or vegetables, salad, rice, and two appetizers. At $14.95, the platter is an excellent deal.

Despite my state of near starvation upon entering the restaurant, the platter proved to be about thirty percent more food than I was able to eat. Much of my Baba Ghanouge, along with my entire Ftayir, went home to take residence in my refrigerator.

Dining at the Phoenician is a bargain. Kabob Entrees cost from $6.95 to $11.95, depending on meat, seasonings, and size. At $15.95, Filet Mignon is the most expensive entrée. Small portions of appetizers average $3.50. Large portions only amount to $6.50. Non-alcoholic beverages and deserts, including Baklawa and Flahn, are all under $2.

The Phoenician's atmosphere is best described as familial; the main dining room is the former living room of a house.

This Week In Hamilton History

8 YEARS AGO
November 11, 1994

ISC passes resolution ending weeknight fraternity parties

On Sunday, November 6, the Inter-Society Council (ISC) passed a resolution stating that there will no longer be fraternity or sorority social functions during the academic week. The ISC, comprised of representatives from each of the eleven private societies on campus, decided that parties during the academic week (Sunday afternoon through Thursday afternoon) were unnecessary and "anti-intellectual" in nature. In addition, the President of the ISC, Tim Weymouth '95, commented that Hamilton is "a bit behind other colleges in regard to doing away with parties during the week."

GOP scores sweeping victory in midterm elections, takes control of House and Senate

The Republican Party scored a sweeping victory in Tuesday's mid-term elections, taking control of both the House and Senate for the first time in forty years. Republicans also won a majority of the nation's governorships; including New York's, where State Governor George Pataki ousted three-term governor Mario Cuomo from office.

11 YEARS AGO
November 15, 1991

Men's Group Addresses Harassment

Tentatively called the Men's Advocacy Group Addressing Sexual Harassment and Assault, a group of men concerned about campus harassment has formed this fall. The group was formed by Mark Thompson, counselor and coordinator of training and programming, and is comprised of about ten student members, as well as Area Coordinator Lou Pellegrino. Thompson said that the idea for the group began last spring when Lisa Rawson '91 presented her senior thesis on sexual harassment at Hamilton. The presentation covered the ways that women address sexual harassment, but did not talk about what men can do. The idea that sexual harassment is a community issue, not just a women's issue, is the basis on which the group was founded.

15 YEARS AGO
November 13, 1987

Alcohol policy in flux to avoid "road to destruction"

The Hamilton alcohol policy is currently in the process of upheaval. Due to unprecedented numbers of students admitted to the Rudd Health Center for alcohol-related illnesses and a perceived increase in problems arising from the abuse of alcohol, the alcohol policy is being reviewed and potentially changed dramatically to save the Hamilton community from what Dean of Students Jane L. Jervis calls "the road to destruction." Chi Psi is currently under disciplinary probation for an incident in which underage people were served alcohol. The punishment proposed by the Inter Society Council to the Dean of Students office includes: the cessation of their meal plan at the end of January term, continuing until next fall; the prohibition of any Chi Psi-hosted alcoholic functions for the remainder of the school year; and a mandate that Chi Psi must work with the Orientation Committee and the Dean's Office to aid in an alcohol awareness program for 1988 Orientation.

JAP labels

She's young, ambitious, entitled, thin, heterosexual, rich, and well-groomed. She's a JAP - a Jewish American Princess. She embodies all the ideals of American society- but too much so. Rachel Josefowitz Siegel explored the social and psychological implications of the term "JAP" on Sunday during her lecture, "The Jewish American Princess: Benign Humor or Sexist Anti-Semitism?" The lecture was co-sponsored by Hillel and the Womyn's Center, with funds from the pool funding committee, recently renamed The Committee for Cooperative Programming.

Compiled by Jon Kuhl '06

Playdoh, Legos, and brownies

Keehn residents entertain ACCESS children

by Jessica Atcheson '03
FEATURES WRITER

This past Monday, November 11, a group of dedicated members of the Keehn Co-op joined together with the children of ACCESS students, ranging in ages from 1 to 12 years old, for a full day of on-campus fun and games.

The second of such days this semester, Monday followed up the October 14 activity day. Both activity days were organized by nine resident Keehners and headed up by Shauna Sweet '03. Providing a fresh means of interaction for everyone involved, these activity days are set up specifically for national holidays, when Hamilton's academic schedule remains uninterrupted, so that ACCESS students can attend class as usual without having without worrying about childcare.

The group of approximately twelve children spent the day playing dodgeball and capture-the-flag, watching cartoons (SpongeBob SquarePants was a favorite), and decorating cookies with abounding energy. The volunteers and organizers rivaled the kids on that front; "We've got some really fun stuff to do... I'm excited!" announced Sweet to the group of children eyeing soon-to-be-decorated cookies on their tables.

Sweet, who pondered the idea of such a plan over the summer, put the program into action, inspired by her question of "how we as a college campus can extend ourselves in helping out, in welcoming students." She began developing this idea with thoughts of how to further welcome and integrate ACCESS students into the Hamilton community. "They receive a warm reception in the classroom - socially, there's so much that could be done," she says.

Putting such ideas into action takes a great deal of time and effort from a number of sources, and this project has been no exception. Logistics were planned out with Sharon Gormley, Coordinator of the ACCESS Project. Support from the whole of the Keehn Co-op was obtained. And thus the group of nine core Keehn organizers was assembled.

Sweet highlights the ambition of the organizing group, saying, "They are self-motivated, independent, caring, giving, and will never give themselves half of the credit that they deserve. We are all very lucky to have them working on this project together, because they bring creative ideas, time, and energy to the project in all kinds of amazing ways."

Funding for the activity day project was obtained from three main sources. The ACCESS Project provided a share through their program; upon approval of the whole Co-op, "Friends of Keehn," funds available to the Co-op for projects and activities, supplied a share; and the Womyn's Center contributed funds for activity day supplies.

Diann Lynch and Christine Barnes helped the group in answering questions related to EMT's, medical care, and appropriate supervision ratios. They have also offered the organizers a full-day workshop on handy skills, including child CPR. Other technicalities in holding the activity days, such as the development of permission slips and approval forms, were worked through with the help of Irene Brogan.

On Monday, each of these parts came together for a day that gave everyone something more than a usual day of the Hamilton routine provides. Sweet lauds the group of volunteers recruited to carry out the plans for their ability to "go with the flow and have a great time doing it." Each member, however, found something special in the day.

"It reminds me of home," volunteer Latoya Malcolm '06 says. Organizer Claire Ramsay speaks out enthusiastically: "It's been really fantastic, the kids are great. It's a nice opportunity to step outside of the college mode." It has also led to new friendships and new projects for Ramsay in meeting a number of the ACCESS students themselves. She adds that the parents have responded with positive feedback, and are enjoying the added interaction of their kids meeting each other.

Gormley emphasizes that the program is important for everyone involved. "It further involves the [ACCESS] students and their families with the Hamilton community," she remarks. She adds that it provides the opportunity for other Hamilton students to learn a lot and realize the untruth of common stereotypes of low-income families. "[The students] realize that these parents want the same thing for their children that their own parents want for them. It's just a stroke of fate, and they are working very hard to better their lives," Gormley says.

The ACCESS Project was established approximately 31/2 years ago and is currently in its third class year. The project is an educational program for low-income parents, which receives funding from a number of private institutions and New York State grants. With tuition donated for a year by Hamilton College, the project sees each of its students through eight classes for a year, at the end of which the student decides the ideal institution at which to matriculate. 5 students of the first class year and 6 of the second decided to matriculate at Hamilton itself.

In addition to classes, the Project also provides various forms of social services support and career counseling, also aiding students in obtaining jobs meaningful to them in any number of disciplines, from psychology to education to nursing.

Gormley praises Keehn's efforts to welcome and more fully integrate ACCESS students into Hamilton. She remarks that she has a lot of respect for the organizers: "They put a lot of thought into it."

Gormley notes, "I'm really, really happy [about what Keehn has done]...I'd like to see more involvement from other student groups. It is very important for these students to feel comfortable." For its part, Keehn is planning a Thanksgiving feast to be enjoyed in the company of the ACCESS students and their families.

PHOTO BY SHAUNA SWEET '03

Jennifer Taransky '03 and Alex Cutler '05 with some of the energetic children of Hamilton's ACCESS students.

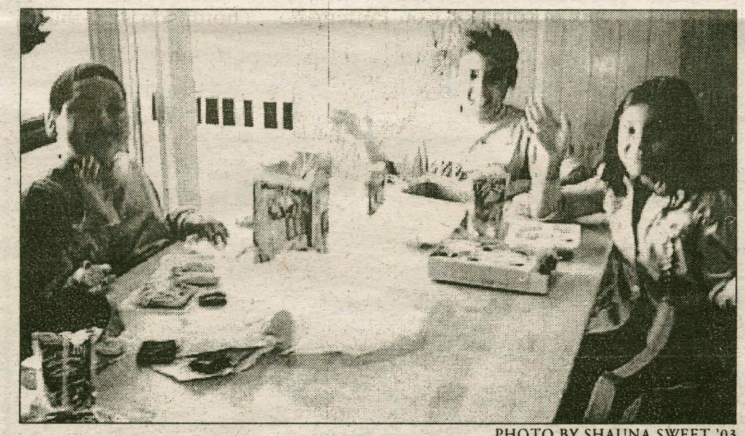

PHOTO BY SHAUNA SWEET '03

These youngsters devoured yummy brownies and other tasty treats during their day spent at Keehn.

Food quality faces higher expectations

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ing close tabs on students' requests and providing amenities above and beyond the expectations of typical fare. Reuben Hague, Bon Appetit's executive chef at Hamilton, spoke about some of his company's guiding principles.

"We're always trying to improve. The food service here literally changes every day for the better... since smaller schools [such as Hamilton] tend to have very high standards, we make it a priority to meet them by making changes wherever they are needed as soon as we can."

Hague also mentioned some of Bon Appetit's Hamilton-specific selling points, such as sushi (on Wednesdays at Commons), kosher food and the fact that breads and desserts are all baked fresh daily on campus.

The importance of these selling points and amenities in our everyday meals is not lost on students. Justin Parker '06 expressed the importance of good food in relation to college living itself: "It's a direct influence on our quality of life. If you think about it, you eat more than you do anything else; we spend more time in the dining halls than we do in classes."

Thus, it is imperative that the dining services on college campuses continually maintain and enhance the quality of their offerings. Bad food equals unhappy students who look elsewhere (i.e. off-campus) for good food, which leads to a loss of money for the school.

Bon Appetit and other nationwide food service organizations, realizing the importance of remaining viable in their increasingly competitive market, make it a point to provide comment boxes and periodically survey college communities on the quality of the services they provide.

This week, as students may have noticed, Bon Appetit conducted this semester's first such survey. Students can rest assured that the paper they filled out in the Diner between bites of Mediterranean wrap will not be ignored.

"We use the surveys as an internal tool to measure student satisfaction," Hague explained.

"We send them out to an independent company for evaluation, and from the results we get back, we know what we need to do."

In other words, that free bonus meal you got for your time will not be the sole positive result of filling out the survey.

Hamilton students themselves seem fairly content with the quality of the food served. We may love to hate McEwen, but the reality of the situation is that the stir fry is pretty damn tasty if it's done right. Other popular options in the various dining spots around campus include the pasta bar in Commons, make-it-yourself waffles, and the egg rolls (of which some students eat enough as to justify their classification as a sixth food group).

There are always complaints: some mentioned by students in an informal poll included the smaller size and lack of options at the McEwen salad bar, and undercooked pizza at both main dining halls.

Even so, the general consensus in the Hamilton community is that we have it a lot better than students at many other schools.

Seth Coburn '06 concurred: "It's next to impossible to make terrific institutional food, but they [Bon Appetit] do a good job with what they've got to work with."

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Arts & Entertainment

Utica Concert Scene: *The Goo Goo Dolls*

Jennifer Davis '04 votes yes for this pop trio

John Rzeznik's gift for writing an amazing pop song is also his curse. And he knows it. Sometimes it seems like he is sick of himself and that insidious "City of Angels" song too. He has spent the past 15 years as the *Goo Goo Dolls* front man, trying to salvage some sort of respectable rock image. But luckily for the people who showed up at the Utica Memorial Auditorium on Tuesday (Election) night, John and Co., including bassist Robby Takac and drummer Mike Malinin, let go of their attempt to be a punk band and unabashedly embraced their pop flair.

The *Goo Goo Dolls* are in the midst of a tour for their latest album, *Gutterflower*, that began October 5 in Australia, and will wrap up December 19 in California. Their 90-minute set was delightfully schizophrenic. John was equal parts rockstar, coolly handling the unmentionables tossed up on stage at various times, and shady kid next door, asking if we stole our parents' beer at age 12 like he did. Hmmm. Robby was a cross between a giggly Beetlejuice and a gremlin on Ritalin. He pranced around stage as if he were playing the role of Andrew W.K. in a Saturday Night Live sketch.

The show was equally as nimble in that they jumped from heavy guitar--laden pop rock to poignant ballad without the batting of an eyelash. The atmosphere was equal parts rock show and house party. And while the band was clearly obliged to play its numerous radio hits, the boys boldly opened the show with a song called "Naked." This one's off their second album, *A Boy Named Goo*, which produced only one hit single, "Name," and signified the closest they ever came to being pinned with the ever-feared moniker "one-hit-wonder." The set was im-

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Romeo & Juliet: Raisin'the Roof, er, Bar

Katey Healy-Wurzburg '05 gives the lowdown on the hottest show in town.

Last night saw the opening of Hamilton's most anticipated production of the semester. A sold out crowd was treated to the edgy re-imagining of the ultimate classic--Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet.* I was afforded the true honor of attending the Wednesday night dress rehearsal. My attempt at unbiased observation completely failed, as I was utterly taken by how amazing this production is. It is edgy and urban, yet innocent, sharp and new, brimming with fresh hip hop enthusiasm, while at the same time retaining, and even enhancing the classic romance and tragedy of the play.

It is set in contemporary Brooklyn, albeit one where "thou" and "dost" pervade everyday speech, and the average street thug is highly skilled in defending his or her family honor with a rapier (and I'm sure no one smokes the doobies in Brooklyn either... or is that Verona...okay, now I am confused).

TheTheatre Department's production has a sharp, modern style that is pervasive and mesmerizing, that swirls and seems to surround the tenderness and passion that should be the core of any production of *Romeo and Juliet.* Orchestrated, or should I say dj-ed, by the Prince Escalus, the soundtrack is the backbone of the play, tying each part together while fitting with the rest of the production seamlessly, and includes selections from the *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* soundtrack to Eminem and Santana. The set is innovative and cool, reeking of ghetto-chic and a hip, jaded air.

PHOTO BY WHIT ROTHE '05

Get your tickets to R&J in advance. They are selling out.

It is polished and hard, yet the heady, sweet romance of the main characters, as portrayed by very talented pair, Jordan Wishner '05 and Meg Swertlow '04, is the true focal point and binding force of the show. There is humor and drama, tragedy and great swordfights and adorable romance. What more could you ask for? Well, a truly solid cast, composed of so many solid, breakout performances, (it is hard to decide which to mention), is always nice. Erin Voyik '05 positively sparkles as the Friar, and Whit Rothe '05 is the perfect Paris. Nate Williams '04 as Benvolio gives a very intense performance, as does Eric Hansen '03 in the role of Tybalt. Ali Willbanks '03 plays a hypnotic Mercutio, and Kristen Nielsen '06 who plays Juliet's Nurse gives a fabulous performance and a confident, sassy twist to the character. Really, the best word for the cast as a whole is ensemble, since they are all amazing. It astonishes me that these people are my classmates and peers. As Director, Assistant Professor of the Theatre Department Mark Cryer

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This Week: Movie News

The latest by Brian Sweeney '06

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Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets **comes out today at Sangertown. Expect long lines.**

I usually begin each article by running down the major releases of the week. Today opens the second *Harry Potter*, and I've given quite a bit of coverage to it in past articles. There is not much to say today, except that it is being reported that this is one of the few times when a sequel is better than the original. So go see it, enjoy, and contribute your money to an opening weekend that will probably, well, definitely, yield more money than anybody here can ever hope to have.

In other news, Andy Garcia has signed on to star in and direct a film called *The Lost City*. This movie will also feature the talents of Robert Duvall, Dustin Hoffman, Benicio Del Toro, Javier Bardem, Benjamin Bratt and Tomas Milian. *The Lost City* will tell the story of three brothers living in Cuba as Fidel Castro takes over.

For a long time now, Joel Schumacher, director of Batman and Robin (one of, if not the, worst movies of all time) has been trying to release his film entitled *Phone Booth*. This tells the story of a man trapped in a, you guessed it, phone booth, by a sniper. It was originally going to released a few weeks back, but they were too afraid of bad press with all of the real life sniper shootings go-

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8 Mile was #1 at the box office last week.

ing on, so now it has been moved back to February 2003. The film stars Colin Farrel and Kiefer Sutherland.

If you can't get enough of fantasy this weekend and can't wait until *The Two Towers* opens then you may be interested in finding a copy of *The Fellowship of the Ring: Extended Edition*. This past Tuesday, this new edition of the first installment to *The Lord of the Rings* was released in a four-disk DVD set that is like no other. The new edition of the film is re-edited with over thirty minutes of new footage on it. So those of you who thought the original edition was just too short, run and pick this up right away. This is really more for the fans of the story than anyone else, as the additions really serve to show more scenes from the book (such as Galadriel's gift-giving in Lothlorien) and add some character development to the film.

Now what follows in the next scoop is pure in rumor, but it comes from a pretty reliable source. Anyone who has seen *The Big Lebowski* is sure to remember the character of Jesus, played by John Turturro. Well, it seems that Jesus may be getting his own film. Turturro told a UK film magazine that the Coen Brothers were developing a story that would center on his character. Should this be true, this would be the first time that the Coen Brothers would be working on a sequel (though this idea is more of a spin-off). Either way, it would be great to see what they can come up with.

Special thanks to www.imdb.com, www.aintitcool.com, and www.boxofficemojo.com

LAST WEEKEND AT THE MOVIES

Weekend Gross/**Total Gross**

1. *8 Mile*
   $51,240,555
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2. *The Santa Claus 2*
   $24,734,523
   $60,038,513
3. *The Ring*
   $15,507,802
   $85,601,983
4. *I Spy*
   $8,809,800
   $24,487,959
5. *Jackass: The Movie*
   $7,106,194
   $52,198,646
6. *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*
   $5,854,005
   $192,857,165
7. *Sweet Home Alabama*
   $3,810,839
   $118,548,539
8. *Ghost Ship*
   $3,157,407
   $26,171,019
9. *Femme Fatale*
   $2,776,248
   $3,430,876
10. *Frida*
    $2,754,118
    $4,506,816

The Goo Goo Dolls in Utica

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The *Goo Goo Dolls* rocked out in Utica last week. If you missed them, that's too bad.

pressively diverse. They deftly jumped from radio hits, to new songs, to relatively unknown pieces from the early part of their career. They played songs that spanned most of their career and maintained a super-charged, unrelenting energy level throughout the set. John and Robby's crowd interaction and stage chemistry was excellent. Occasionally, they talked to the audience, but predominantly created rapport through their music, which they handily achieved through their tight playing and strong vocals. They managed to change up some of the songs to keep them fresh, not just replicating the album version, without altering their signature sound or the essence of the song.

What surprised me most perhaps, was that most of the highlights of the show involved what had previously been nauseating radio-overplays, which then became exquisitely energized. At one point they played a string of hits "Black Balloon," "Dizzy," and "Here Is Gone," and the energy level in the room nearly went through the roof. Their performance of "Iris" included a dazzling light display, and the band achieved the near-impossible by playing with such unbridled enthusiasm that one could not help but experience the song as if it were being heard for the first time. The climax of the show came during the last song of their encore, in which they played "American Girl" by Tom petty and the Heartbreakers. The energy and emotion reached such unprecedented levels that it was instantly reminiscent of their performance of the song at the September 11 Concert for New York at Madison SquareGarden.

The band also used two extra musicians to add dimension to the songs. An additional guitar player stood out when he played intricate melodies on a ukulele-type instrument during "Sympathy", and a multi-purpose musician wowed the crowd with an amazing sax solo during "Broadway" and playing accordion during "Sympathy".

Lisa Loeb opened the show with a solid forty-five minute set dressed in an outfit that cried 'good schoolgirl gone bad.' She played solo-acoustic with wonderful stage presence and crowd interaction. Aside from playing her two staples "Stay" and "I Do," which were definite crowd-pleasers, she took several requests from the audience, not so much for songs but rather her belongings. By the end, though, the crowd was cheering with both approval, and a 'bring on the main act' undercurrent. It was rather refreshing to have such a contrasting opening act. Instead of the *Goo Goo Dolls* coming out to a crowd already numb to piercing electric guitar solos, they appeared in front of a crowd that was just mellowed out enough to get slapped in the face by some pop-and-roll.

John took the opportunity at one point to ask the election-night audience if they'd voted, seemingly overlooking the fact that 80% of the crowd was not of legal voting age. I can't speak for them, but I vote yes for the *Goo Goo Dolls*.

Romeo and Juliet

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mentioned repeatedly, the entire cast is really excited to perform before an audience. He summed up my entire impression of the play very simply, by pointing out, "It's really Shakespeare for the new millennium. That's the great thing about Shakespeare, you can stretch it, pull it, beat it and it still works. It's for the Hamilton community, and it is a must see." Saturday night's show is sold out, although there are still a few tickets available for tonight's performance, as well as Saturday's 2:00 PM matinee performance. Next week's run will likely sell out as well, so reserve tickets now. Call (315) 859-4057. Tickets are 3 dollars for students, 6 for adults, 4 dollars for seniors. I really hope everyone gets a chance to see this play; it is truly remarkable. See y'all at the show!!

Year of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague

by Geraldine Brooks

Between the sheets: book reviews by Taylor Fleming-Henning '04

So everything I've reviewed so far has had an academic twist (Can you tell I never read for fun?) But this time, I am going to tell you about what I call just a plain 'ole good story like a Lifetime made-for-TV movie. I know you must be tired of pumping your brain with all that theory and analysis, history and goodness knows what else. I know I fall asleep each night pondering the symbolism of marigolds, Latin American feminist anarchist theory, and whether or not Daniel Defoe was a racist or not based on the portrayal of Friday. And the Oedipus complex, which, after prolonged thought, I concluded that I don't have, although I may be developing a different one. This book, however, I enjoyed because it told a good story. When I had finished it, I was able to sleep.

Year of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague is set in the self-proclaimed "Plague Village" of Eyam, England in 1665-1666, which, if you haven't figured it out by now through the repetition of the word "plague," was the site of a severe, but isolated break-out of the fill-in-the-blank. The story is historically based, but is no-doubt a work of fiction. Anna Frith, a young, recently widowed mother of two, narrates this tale. We (the readers) follow her through her adventures as she midwifes two children, aids the dying, and teaches herself how to use herbs for medicinal purposes. Also, we get a tiny romance between her and the tailor, who supposedly transported the plague from London, and also a tryst with the priest. Oooh yeah. If that doesn't whet your appetite, then use of, uh, semi-correct, Olde English shall no doubt appease thine desires. (Yeah, I don't know any Old(e) English either, but I know when it's bad.) Don't get me wrong, Geraldine Brooks does have a firm grip on her writing talents. The book's language is smoothly exciting and beautifully eerie.

The novel is laden with strong female characters. Elinor, the vicar's late wife, was a role model for Anna, due to her beauty and grace, as well as for her intelligence and devotion to her husband. Then there is Anys, the bold witch, who defies those who threaten her. And Anna herself sharpens her wits and learns to stand up to her family. But alas, they are unbelievable in their time period. It is fun to imagine these super-women, but not historically accurate.

The book may not be perfectly accurate, historically speaking, nor may it be deeply philosophical, but it certainly has its fair share of plot twists. Lemme just say it starts in Eyam and ends in Algeria. Go figure. So if you're not a snob about reading only "deeply intellectual" works (come on! You watch Dawson's and you know it) pick up this one. It's fluffy and light, and then you can say that you read a book instead of watching TV. Aren't you a smarty-pants. That's why you're at Hamilton.

* Brooks, Geraldine. Year of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague. New York: Viking. 2001.

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Lewis Black: Sharp, Spastic, and Strictly Apolitical Comedy for All

Well, maybe a tad political...

A SECOND ARTICLE BY KATEY HEALY-WURZBURG '05

A slightly disheveled man steps onstage. He seems a tad wired, but less of a hyper-wired and more of that exhausted, but delirious tension that sets in after three cups of coffee and half of an English paper done at around four in the morning before it's due. He steps forward and quietly, unpretentiously, begins to rant. And not just any rant either. He is swearing up and down, arms flailing as his hands and fingers spastically emphasize every punch line. No, no, you can tell he is REALLY pissed off about this one. Well, that's what you think until he starts on the next topic. But for now, you are still mesmerized by his flailing arms, index fingers writhing with anger extended towards the clearly unresponsive heavens. He barely seems able to contain his clever, biting insights, and spits them forth in a barrage of hate with little regard for a more traditional sense of comedic timing. Whatever has you pissed off about, well anything, you can feel safe in knowing that not only is he angrier than you about it, he has been mulling (great word, mulling) it over for a while now. I have two favorite Lewis Black quotes, determined solely by the fact that I generally tend to remember how they go. His second hour-long Comedy Central Special, a description of his reaction to seeing Britney Spears, N*SUCK, er, SYNC, sorry, and AEROSMITH (yeah, that's what I said, Aerosmith. They used to be legitimate and, um, talented, remember?) all headlining for the half-time show for the Superbowl a few years back. "Fortunately, I had a spoon in my hand. So I shoved it up my ass. [pause, for disturbed laughter] 'Why?' you ask. To distract myself from the pain." The other came this past Saturday night, when Lewis Black was brought back to the Hill for the first time since he came to visit as a prospective student here back in the day (I bet they called them pre-froshes back then... yeah, that would have been cool). He cited the severe lack of women, among things, generally as primary motivation for his ultimate decision not to attend Hamilton. Well, we seem to have fixed at least one of those problems. His act began with a generous serving of Utica-bashing, in terms even I haven't heard before. He then turned to politics. Believe it or not, his comedy was not really that partisan, since he did not agree with either side, calling the Republicans "The Party of Bad Ideas" and the Democrats "The Party of No Ideas". From there he ranged such topics as Hanukah and candy corn, the rapidly disappearing Thanksgiving period, to fundamentalist, close-minded religious beliefs, and my favorite, the one about fossils. He was describing his problem with believing that everything that happened in the Bible actually happened. Black said, that since the Fundamentalists got to say that the bible was right without providing any other evidence to support their claims, he could as well. With increasing stridency, he declared "fossils... FOSSILS... FOSSILS!!! I'm RIGHT!!", which was followed by a little spastic dance of anger. It was fabulous. It was the best act, as a whole, I have ever seen him perform. I think the audience agreed, by the unanimous standing ovation he received. Hopefully, if you were one of the lucky people in the sold-out Wellin crowd, you at least took Lewis's final point along with you, that without humor, we have nothing, and that is the only thing that separates us from the extremist groups that currently seem to be most resentful of the United States and what it represents. To be ridiculously corny now, I think Lewis Black might just have been suggesting that a little more laughter could make the world a better place. But, it could have been the caffeine talking, it was hard to tell.

College hoops: 4 things to watch for

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At long last, college basketball is finally here. Having endured over two weeks of watching that uninspired, unexciting crap they call "professional basketball," now the real season begins. Beginning with Syracuse-Memphis and Alabama-Oklahoma in the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic last night, the early season tournaments are underway, giving us a chance to figure out immediately which teams the preseason rankings grossly overrated, and which teams could be Final Four sleepers.

Every year produces several teams that fit into each category. For instance, last season Indiana cracked very few people's top 25 lists before the season began, much less their top five. However, as you probably remember, the Hoosiers advanced all the way to the championship game as a five seed, upsetting preseason number one Duke along the way.

On the other end of the spectrum, traditional powerhouse North Carolina, despite heavy losses that included All-American Joe Forte and 7-footer Brendan Haywood (both on NBA rosters now), found themselves in the Associated Press' top 20. As an opening night, 13-point home loss to Hampton University seemed to indicate, the Heels were extremely overrated, finishing with just eight wins and tied for last in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

So, as we embark on the new season, one of the many questions is: who will this year's version of an Indiana or a North Carolina be? In the wake of another massive off-season defection of underclassmen to the NBA, what good players are left? These are just several of the many questions I, with far too much time on my hands, intend to answer. Here are four questions-and answers-that should shed some light on what we should expect between now and early April:

1) How will the defending champs bounce back from the losses of ACC Player of the Year Juan Dixon, Lonny Baxter, and Chris Wilcox?

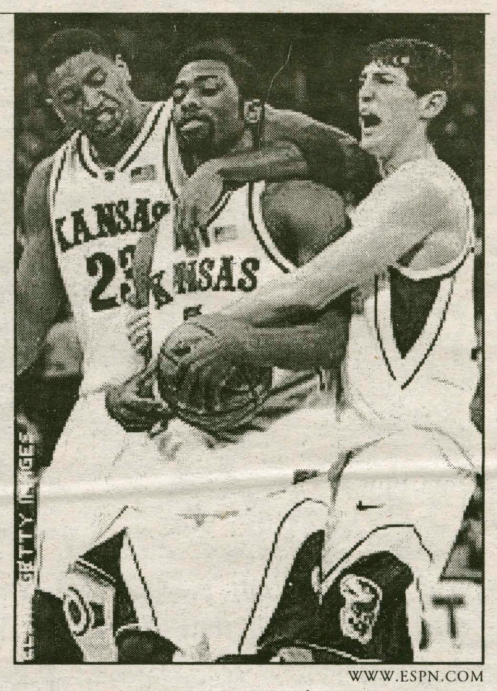
Head coach Gary Williams has a history of making the most out of his teams that garner the least amount of preseason expectations, so don't e surprised if the Terps make an early appearance in the top five. However, Williams has never had to deal with the responsibility of being defending champ, so he and his team may crumble under the pressure at certain points, especially given their sudden youth movement. With heady point guard Steve Blake returning for his senior season, though, Maryland has experience at the right position. He and underrated big man Tahj Holden will keep the Terps afloat and in the top three of the conference in what should be a down year for the ACC. Since guard play is so vital in NCAA Tournament play, Blake could carry them on his shoulders as far as the Sweet 16 or Elite 8, but the Terps simply don't have the talent for a repeat.

2) Who will be the player of the year?

Gone are phenoms such as Jason/Jay Williams, Dixon, Mike Dunleavy, Dan Dickau, and Casey Jacobsen. But the talent pool, with the influx of freshmen and the improvement of several high-ceiling players, is far from empty. Players such as Texas' T.J. Ford, UConn's Emeka Okafor, and NC State's Julius Hodge are looking to have breakthrough sophomore seasons. But if you want the crème of the crop, look no further than Xavier's David West. That's right, I said Xavier. For three years West has been an outstanding inside and outside player at 6'9" but has slipped under the radar because he plays in the relatively anonymous Atlantic 10. Now that Xavier looks like it could be a top ten squad, West will get far more exposure, especially if the Musketeers can advance deep into March.

3) Who is this year's sleeper team, and who is this year's pretender?

Southern Cal and Pittsburgh, respectively. USC was almost unbeatable down the stretch last year, at least until they blew it in an opening round loss to 13th-seeded UNC Wilmington. Every year the Trojans fail to crack the preseason rankings and every year they end up contending for the Pacific 10 title. The key factor is head coach Henry Bibby, who seems to get the most out of his players, who are always supremely talented to begin with. Pitt, on the other hand, overachieved last season and, since they return virtually their entire roster, they are in most people's top five. I don't buy it. They won't pull a UNC and drop completely off the face of the earth, but they won't pile up as many wins as last year's overachievers. UConn is the team to beat in the Big East.



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The Jayhawks should compete for a Final Four appearance in 2003.

4) Finally, who will be cutting down the nets in New Orleans this spring?

Oklahoma, Kansas, Oregon, Duke, Texas and Xavier will all put up quite a fight, but in the end the Arizona Wildcats will just have too much talent, too much depth, and too much Lute Olson. With point guard Jason Gardner and swingman Luke Walton (Bill's son) spearheading the attack, and last year's impressive freshmen improving significantly, 'Zona will be celebrating a national title for the second time in the Olson era.

That's it. We're done here. All that's left to say is, let the madness begin.

Women's X-C prepares for Regionals

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Last weekend the women's cross-country team finished 11th in the NYSCTC Championships at SUNY Oswego with 243 points, one point behind SUNY Brockport. SUNY Geneseo, Ithaca, St. Lawrence, and Rochester finished first through fourth. The results were slightly misleading. Unlike most NYSCTC teams, Hamilton (and most of its NESCAC rivals) rested their top runners last weekend so that they will be at full strength for tomorrow's Regional Championships. Leading the way for the Continentals was Sarah Taylor '03, who finished 19th with a time of 19:39; her performance earned her third team All-NYSCTC honors. The next Hamilton finishers were Courtney Chapman '05 and Heather King '06, who finished 52nd and 53rd with the identical time of 20:43.

Tri-captain Marisabel Portillo '03 said, "The women who ran at NYSCTC's did a very good job in the last meet of the season for most of them."

Emily Dick '06 finished 75th with a time of 21:32. Rounding out the top seven was Courtney Johnson '06, who finished 90th with a time of 21:56. Ruth Leoniuk '05 finished 102nd with a time of 22:15, while Portillo finished 111th with a time of 22:57. This was Portillo's last collegiate meet and her first in several weeks. Kate Nelson '06 rounded out the team by finishing 132nd with a time of 25:44.

Tomorrow the team competes in the Division III Atlantic Regional Championships at Washington Crossing State Park in Titusville, NJ. The top four teams along with the top four runners not going as a member of those four teams will qualify for next weekend's NCAA Championships at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. Unlike most other meets, each team can only field seven runners, although it can register up to ten.

"It looks like six teams [Geneseo, the College of NJ, Ithaca, St. Lawrence, Hamilton, and Cortland] will be competing for the four spots that go to NCAA's. If everyone runs well, I think we have a real chance at one of the four spots," said Keira Moore '06. "Everyone's feeling pretty good and this is the biggest meet of the year. If you get to NCAA's, you've done all the hard work already."

The 6 km course is not particularly fast or slow and contains one major hill. The team has only run on a 6 km course a few times this season, and this is the first time in which a 6 km course is being used by the NCAA. Portillo was enthusiastic about the team's chances.

"If the ladies work well tomorrow as a team, they're going to do well. We have some very talented runners on the team who can step it up in big meets. Everyone's really excited, and some of us not going to New Jersey are going to surprise the rest of the team with something right before they leave."

UCAA All-Academic Team Members

Field Hockey
Sarah Baldwin -- Ithaca, NY, Anthropology and English
Erin Turcot -- Essex Junction, VT, French
Elizabeth Southerland -- Salem, NY, Psychology

Cross Country
Julianna Allport -- Salmon River, NY, Undeclared
Andrew Matlack -- Granby, CT, Math

Women's Soccer
Chantelle Rein -- Lynbrook, NY, Biochemistry
Jessica Beeson -- Princeton, NJ. Psychology
Elizabeth Hill -- Boulder, CO, Spanish
Roxanee Hoek -- Wilton, NY, Math

Men's Soccer
Schuyler Gellatly -- Hopewell Junction, NY, English
Huy Huynh -- Endicott, NY, Math
Nick Sarro-Waite -- Pingry, NJ, Government and Theatre
Greg Zalasky -- Millford, PA, Russian Studies

Volleyball
Heather Hoffay -- Poestenkill, NY, Psychology
Melissa Stoos -- Alden, NY, Neuroscience
Barb Dalgish -- Eastchester, NY, Geology

Women's Tennis
Lindsey Schantz -- Sharon, MA, Psychology

Women's soccer ends a remarkable run

by Josh Sargen '03
SPORTS WRITER

A phenomenal season came to an end last Saturday when the Continentals were defeated in the UCAA tournament by top seeded Union.

Hamilton knew the Dutchwomen would be a significant challenge. Nevertheless, the Continentals came into Saturday's contest knowing the game was certainly winnable. In the team's previous match up, Union defeated Hamilton in a fiercely competitive 1-0 battle. Regardless of the Dutchwomen's number one seed in the tournament, the Continentals realized they drew a team who they were capable of beating.

Unfortunately for Hamilton, however, the pre-game confidence did not translate into success on the field. The final score was 2-0 and the Dutchwomen controlled a majority of the game.

Despite being outplayed in the first half, the Continentals took a 0-0 tie into intermission. Union played most of that half on Hamilton's side of the field and out shot the Continentals 7-2.

Entering the second half with a 0-0 score allowed Coach Colette Gilligan's team to stem the domination and mount an offensive comeback. The team had two excellent scoring opportunities during the half. One of those chances actually appeared to result in a goal when Liz Roberts '06 placed a shot passed keeper Julie Gawronski. Seconds later, however, the goal was negated by an offsides call. Roberts was again denied when Gawronski made what Gilligan described as "a phenomenal save" later in the half.

Hamilton was hampered offensively because of an injury to Mara Dropkin-Frank '05, one of the team's top offensive threats. Dropkin-Frank injured her ankle in a late season game against SUNY-Oneonta and was limited to only five minutes of action.

Coach Gilligan explained how Dropkin-Frank's injury affected the offense, commenting, "Our offense loses a dimension without Mara. Losing her speed is tough and no one can replace that."

The Dutchwomen finally capitalized in the 66th minute when Alaina LaRocca slid a pass across the left side of the goalie's box that was tapped into the net by Corrinne Hennessy. Hamilton tried adjusting to the one goal deficit by altering their formations, but Union struck again thirteen minutes later when Erika Eisenhunt fired a shot from the left side of the field towards the right post that was directed into the far corner of the goal by Abbie West.

Despite the Dutchwomen's two second half goals, Hamilton played a higher level of soccer in the latter half. "We played better in the second half," Gilligan said. "We attacked the ball more and unfortunately we had that goal called back."

The Continentals were disappointed with the loss, but that disappointment was compounded by the team's feeling that they failed to play up to their potential in the final game of the season. Gilligan described the loss, "It was pretty disappointing. We didn't come out ready to play. When you are playing a team like Union, you need to play your "A" game or you'll get a result like Saturday's."

Goalie Jen Munoz '04 agreed with Gilligan's assessment, adding "Saturday's game was not a good reflection of how we have been playing this season. Our play didn't show how much we progressed throughout the year."

Munoz described the Continentals year perfectly when she mentioned the word "progress." Hamilton started the season with a 2-2-1 record through five games. This part of the season was filled with inconsistency while the team adjusted to the new systems and methods Gilligan implemented in her first year as head coach. The second half of the season, however, showed marked improvement, with the Continentals ending the season on a 4-2-2 run. Their play was emblematic of their increasing cohesiveness on the field and the team started competing on a level with other national powerhouses. Hamilton tied SUNY Oneonta and William Smith, both nationally ranked teams, who are recognized as top-notch programs.

With the Continentals quality of play in the second half of the season, the team is well on its way to joining that upper echelon of elite soccer programs. "We are right there with the top teams in the nation," Gilligan said.

The UCAA recognized Hamilton's success this year by selecting five Continentals to the UCAA-All Star Second Team. Seniors Jessica Beeson, Liz Hill, and Roxanne Hoek were selected along with Munoz and Roberts. Hamilton was tied with Union with the second highest amount of players named to the first and second teams, respectively. This is an unprecedented accomplishment by a Hamilton squad to have five players selected and it is indicative of the successful season the Continentals had.

Munoz described what having five players named to the team means to the program, "People see that Hamilton got all these players selected to the team and now they have to respect us. It's a big stepping stone."

The Coach praised her senior class by saying, "We are losing quality players and quality individuals. They are great leaders and great people. They will definitely be missed." Gilligan went on to emphasize, "I am trying to build a legacy for them, something that they can be proud of. William Smith's coach (Aliceann Wilber) has been there 19 years and she has great alum support. That's what I want for them—alums who are proud to be associated with Hamilton soccer. The intensity these seniors brought will help get the ball rolling."

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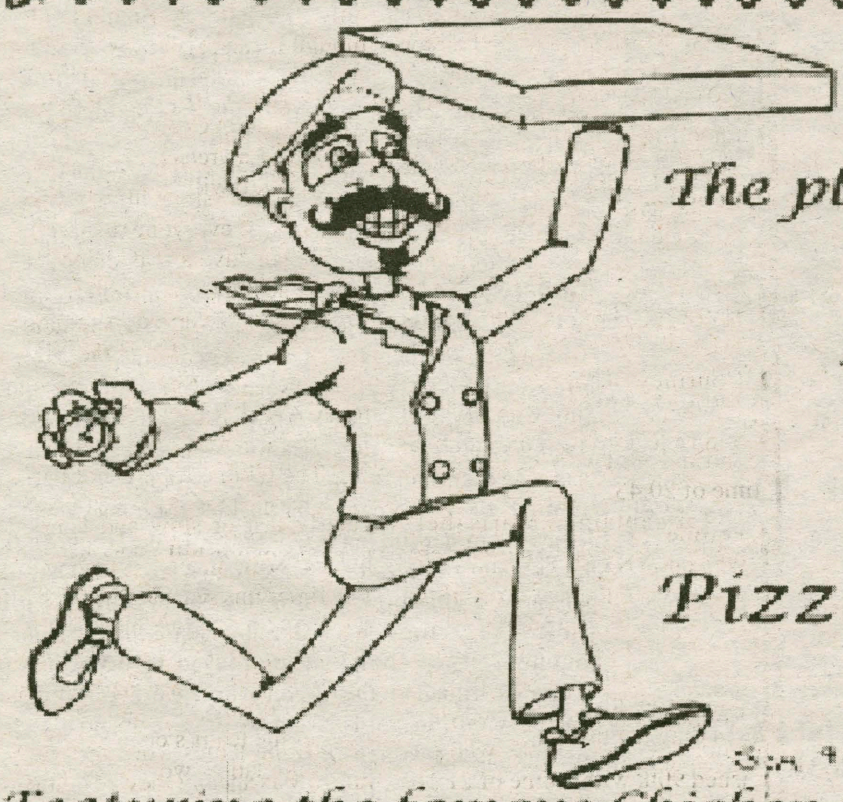
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Sports

Men's soccer falls to SLU, referee

by Andy Horner '03
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The season came to an end for the 2002 Hamilton men's soccer team last weekend in a manner that has become as predictable as snow in October here on the Hill.

After defeating Vassar in the first round of the UCAA tournament by a score of 1-0, the Continentals once again set themselves up for a date with host Saint Lawrence University for the conference championship and an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

Aided by a horrendous mistake by the referee, over 5,000 hometown fans, and an easy semi-final matchup against Hobart, the Saints overcame a determined Hamilton squad 1-0, once again taking first place in the UCAA and booking themselves a ticket to the big dance.

The Continentals went into the conference tournament knowing that in order to emerge victorious, they would have to get past two teams to whom they had lost already this year. Against Vassar, the Continentals knew that they would need to convert the offensive opportunities that they allowed to slip away in the regular season matchup between the two teams. However, this was easier said than done.

For the first half of play the two squads battled for possession of the ball. The Continentals found themselves unable to use their skill and speed to attack the Vassar backfield, while the Hamilton defense, led by the superb play of back Craig Li '04, marked the opposing forwards doggedly. The half ended in a scoreless tie, despite a number of questionable calls by the referee that gave Vassar some quality shots at Hamilton's rookie keeper, Anthony Tripicchio '06. Tripicchio, however, responded by playing flawlessly between the crossbars. He allowed nothing by him and kept the Continentals tied with his confident and decisive play.

"Tripicchio really made some great saves in there on some crosses and direct shots," commented Hamilton head coach Perry Nizzi.

Early in the second half the Continentals turned up the pressure in a concerted effort to get the go-ahead goal. Versatile forward Wes Sherman '04 was able to beat the defender marking him while controlling the ball, and then beat the Vassar sweeper to the endline. After turning up the line towards the goal, Sherman dribbled towards the box and sent a flawless cross right in front of the Vassar goal. The defining moment in the game was upon the Continentals, who desperately needed someone to get their foot on the ball and the ball in the net.

And as he had done throughout the regular season, Pete Smithson '03 got himself into the right position to make an impact on the game at exactly the right moment. Smithson gathered in Sherman's pass and knocked it past the helpless Vassar keeper to put Hamilton ahead by a goal.

This was all the Hamilton defense and Tripicchio would require, as they proceeded to lock down a Vassar team which had managed two goals against the Continentals just two weeks before.

"The guys were their typical selves," said Nizzi. "They just refused to not win that game. They were absolutely determined to get back to the finals and give themselves a shot at the NCAAs."

So the Continentals, fresh off the battle against Vassar the previous day, went into a Sunday afternoon contest with their most bitter and skilled rivals, the Saint Lawrence University Saints, on the Saints' home turf. A home crowd over 5,000 strong turned out to witness a furious struggle that has become a yearly tradition in the UCAA tournament.

The Saints were undoubtedly a fresher team; they had cruised past Hobart 3-0 in their semi-final matchup. However, the Continentals had plenty of fight left in them. The game's first half of play was reminiscent of many of the meetings between these two skilled teams that have occurred over the past three years. Both squads battled for possession in the midfield, with neither team holding a decisive advantage.

In the 25th minute, the Continentals thought that they had struck paydirt against a Saints defense that had spent most of the regular season being absolutely unbeatable. After earning a corner kick, Li sent a beautiful arching ball directly in front of the St. Lawrence goal minder. The keeper proceeded to play the ball in the air, but he mishandled it. Once again, Hamilton's Smithson was right where he needed to be, and his subsequent header appeared to cross the goal line before the ball was cleared by a Saints defender.

However, in a heartbreaking turn of events, the referee proceeded to call no-goal, claiming that the ball had been only "three-quarters" across the line. Besides being a physical impossibility (only a single point of a sphere can touch the ground at any one time), the tape of the game told a different tale.

"On the tape it's pretty clear," explained Nizzi. "A Saint Lawrence player is on the ground, and he's right on the goal line. The ball is definitely behind him at that time."

Thus the Continentals were robbed of an opportunity to go up on the UCAA's top team in the conference's championship game.

"That would have put us up," said Nizzi, "...and to be able to let them come to you instead of having to chase them would have been huge."

Instead, the struggle continued in scoreless fashion for the remainder of the first half. The two teams went into the break still tied, with 45 decisive minutes of soccer remaining.

The second half had barely begun when the home team changed that. Awarded a free kick by the referee, the Saints were able to work a cross in front of the Hamilton goal. As the man he was marking ran to the ball, Smithson slipped on the wet turf, and the now-free Saint took the opportunity to head the ball past Tripicchio for a disheartening go-ahead goal.

The Continentals spent the rest of the half split between two things they desperately needed to accomplish - keeping the Saints from padding their lead, and getting a score of their own to get back into the game. Unfortunately, the Hamilton squad was able to accomplish only one of these tasks, as the Saints got no more thanks to outstanding work in goal by Tripicchio. However, Saint Lawrence was able to hold on for the hard-fought victory.

"It's been a big rivalry with Saint Lawrence these past three years," said Nizzi of Hamilton's top nemesis, "and really that is quite an accolade. They have one of the top teams in the nation, and every year they have a legitimate shot at winning the whole thing. So to be considered their top rival is a compliment."

While the Hamilton men can be happy to have given the Saints all they could handle in the championship game, the feeling of disappointment cannot be helped. Had the game gone only slightly differently, or had the correct call been made on the disallowed Hamilton goal, the outcome might have been reversed. For now, the Continentals must be content that they gave it their best shot, which if it wasn't for human error, might just have been good enough.

Young Hamilton football finishes winless

by Brett Zalaski '03
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The Hamilton College football team had a rough ending to its rough season in losing to the Bates College Bobcats 37-0 in Lewiston, Maine this past Saturday.

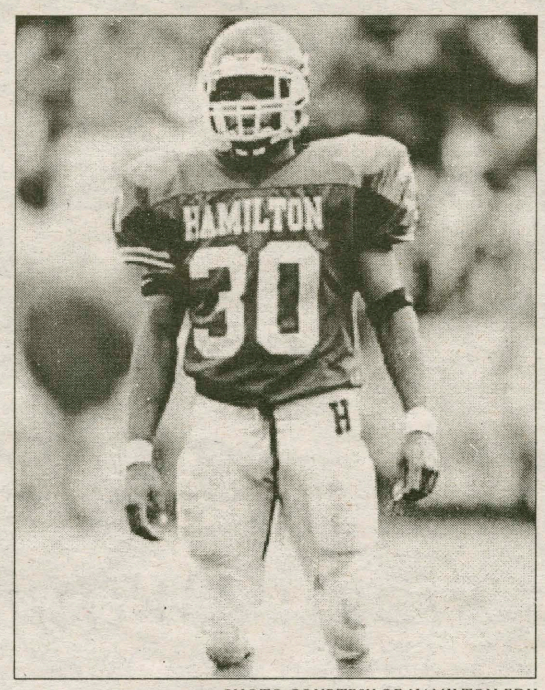
Halfway through the first quarter Mike Horan '05 intercepted Hamilton quarterback Brandon Holtslag '06 at the Continental 24-yard line. Horan proceeded to run it down to the six-yard line before lateralling the ball to Kevin Madden, who ran it the rest of the way for the touchdown.

Four minutes later, Sean Atkins barreled through the Continental defense to score a 60-yard touchdown, and the Bobcats never looked back.

On the game, Atkins rushed for 275 yards on 41 carries and three touchdowns. In his last two games of the season, Atkins rushed for 573 yards and 10 touchdowns, and on Saturday Atkins had more yards rushing than Hamilton had total yards (220 yards on 120 rushing, 100 passing). Bates (3-5) ended the game with 475 total yards. Holtslag led the Continentals (0-8) offensively, rushing 13 times for 78 yards.

Defensively the Continentals were led once again by Sam Bowlby '04 and Marcus Juba '03. Bowlby finished with six tackles, Juba with five. Stephen Finazzo '05 also had five tackles for the Continentals.

The week was not without some good news though. Both Bowlby and Juba were named to the All-NESCAC Second-Team defense. Bowlby led the Continentals in tackles with 70, 8.5 of which went for a loss. Bowlby was second on the Continentals with two sacks. Juba had 47 tackles, including a team-leading 33 solo tackles. Juba also had five passes defensed, two recovered fumbles, and one interception.



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Defensive back Marcus Juba led the team in solo tackles with 33.

Holtslag led the Continentals offensively in the 2002 season. The freshman quarterback threw for a team-leading 481 yards, completing 39.8% of his passes. Holtslag also placed third on the squad with 203 yards rushing and a team-leading two rushing touchdowns.

Greg Livigne '05 saw significant time for the Continentals at quarterback as well. Livigne completed 31 of 63 passes for a 49.2% completion percentage, 382 yards, and two touchdowns.

Elijah Huling '04 led the Continentals in rushing with 332 yards and a touchdown. Huling's 65-yard run was the Continental's longest of the year. James Trummer '06 led the Continentals in yards per carry, going for 3.4 yards every time he touched the ball. Trummer finished the season with 206 yards rushing and a touchdown.

The tight ends led the Continentals in receiving in the 2002 campaign. Kevin Conole '04 had a team-leading 17 catches for 207 yards. Charles Gorra '04 caught 13 passes for 125 yards and a team-leading two touchdown receptions.

Besides Bowlby and Juba, Jasen Wright '03, Peter Simon '05, and Chris Smith '04, all had solid years defensively for the Continentals. Wright, a co-captain, had 60 tackles and one interception for Hamilton.

Peter Simon, last year's NESCAC defensive rookie of the year, had a solid sophomore campaign, registering 59 tackles, one interception, and six passes defensed. Chris Smith '04 led Hamilton in sacks with five, to go along with his 38 tackles and 8.5 tackles for a loss.

Despite the record, there were many positives that came from the 2002 Hamilton College Continental football season. The team played with fire and passion every quarter of every game and never gave up, no matter the score.

The young, inexperienced Continentals got a lot of game experience in 2002. In 2003, the Continentals will lose only four starters. Hopefully the lessons learned from a difficult 2002 campaign will transfer over for a successful 2003 year.